Reformers Shut Out

Of Yeltsin's Cabinet

By Steven Erlanger

MOSCOW - Boris G. Fyodorov, Russia's

reformist finance minister, announced Thursday that he was quitting the government after President Boris N. Yelisin named a new and

After four days of intense negotiation and financial panic, the prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, announced the makeup of the

new government and declared that "the period

Mr. Fyodorov, a tough infighter and the best-

known market reformer in the government af-ter the resignation on Sunday of Yegor T. Gaidar, said he could not remain finance minis-

ter and accept a demotion from deputy prime

minister, with the result that he would be outranked by conservative industrialists with little understanding of market economics.
The government will evidently be one that is

not capable of advancing reforms," Mr. Fvo-

dorov, 35. said Thursday night. He forecast much higher inflation by April

"The president can change the government in three months," he said. "That is his constitu-tional right, and I hope he will use it."

Mr. Chernomyrdin said Thursday that "the

government will not retreat from the course of continuing and deepening reform." But he add-

ed that the new cabinet must "correct the course of reforms." He said the fight against inflation would include efforts to establish price and wage con-

and further falls in the value of the ruble.

much more conservative cabinet.

of market romanticism is now over."

Finance Chief Quits, Prime Minister

Declares 'Market Romanticism' Over

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China Agrees To a Demand By Clinton on **Prison Labor**

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U.S. Linked Inspections Of Alleged Export Sites To Special Trade Status

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service

BELITING — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen announced Thursday that the United States and China had reached an agreement to allow American customs officers to regularly visit Chinese prisons to easure that their factories were making products for export to America.

The agreement gives important momentum to the Clinton administration's drive to get China to loosen up on human rights so that President Bill Clinton will have the political cover with Congress to renew China's preferential trade status in huma Masterial on the tial trade status in June. Movement on the prison labor issue was one of the chief condi-tions Mr. Clinton laid down for the renewal of China's preferential trade status.

In a speech in Beijing, Mr. Bentsen said that the two governments had agreed on measures "to insure more effective prevention of the export of goods made with prison labor." He said that China had agreed to permit inspections of five prisons alleged to be producing goods for export.

The accord, together with an agreement be-tween Washington and Beijing earlier this week that curbs covert Chinese textile exports to the United States and the recent release by China of a few prominent political prisoners, suggests that the administration's new policy of aggres-sive engagement with Beijing may be beginning to pay off.

It remains to be seen how China will respond to the other administration demands; for an accounting of all its political prisoners, visits to those prisoners by the International Committee of the Red Cross, emigration rights for families of dissidents, and protection of Tibet's distinctive and cultural heritage.

Mr. Bentsen declined to be drawn into characterizing the importance of the recent Chinese moves, nor did he say whether he felt the five governments were on their way to resolving enough of their differences for Mr. Clinton to feel comfortable renewing China's most fa-

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Boris G. Fyodorov, the reform-minded finance minister, announced Thursday that he was quitting Boris N. Yeltsin's new government.

Mr. Chernomyrdin said he expected higher inflation of 15 percent to 18 percent through the first half of this year and 8 or 9 percent by its end. That is twice the target of the last See RUSSIA, Page 5 New Inspection Barriers Raised by North Korea

New York Times Senice TOKYO - In a setback for the Clinton administration's bopes that inspectors would soon be headed into North Korea's nuclear complex, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Thursday that the North had rejected a list of sites that the agency said it must visit to determine if nuclear weapons were un-

der development. The inspection was agreed upon in principle inspection team unless there is full agreement, by the United States and North Korea last Mr. Kyd said. "We had thought there would be month, and several weeks ago the State Department said it expected a final, technical agreement with the energy agency in just a few days. Instead, a standoff has developed between the agency and Pyongyang over how extensive an

inspection North Korea will allow. More than a week ago the agency, an arm of the United Nations, submitted an eight-page document to North Korea listing sites it would need to visit. Inspectors have been barred from some of the sites for a year and cameras have

run out of film at many of the others. In recent days, however, North Korea has told the agency that "there were a significant number of measures on the list that will not be man in Vienna.

government, which had been agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund.

negative responses from senior Western diplomats, who forecast considerably higher inflation and a further run on the ruble, which stabilized Thursday when the central bank

One dollar brought 1,553 rubles, compared to 1,607 on Wednesday. But market expecta-

tions were more visible in the orivate ex-changes, which were asking up to 1,900 rubles

"Even if not unexpected, this is not good news," one diplomat said, "It's nice to have a more united government, but not if they go marching off united in the wrong direction."

He said the new cabinet was an embarrass-ment to President Bill Clinton, who got assur-ances of deeper reforms from Mr. Yeltsin at their summit meeting last week.

final part of this struggle," he said.

"But the West was probably irrelevant to the

Mr. Fyodorov had demanded that Mr. Yelt-

sin and Mr. Chernomyrdin choose between

himself and the Soviet-era chief of the central bank, Viktor S. Gerashchenko, Mr. Yeltsin is

believed to have favored the inclusion in the

cabinet of Mr. Fyodorov but Mr. Chernomyr-din, a figure of increasing power as Mr. Yelt-sin's political authority begins to wane, refused to accept the young reformer's ultimatums.

Mr. Chernomyrdin has argued that the results of the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections, in which Mr. Gaidar's Russia's Choice party ran second to the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhir-

inovsky, require a more cushioned transition to

flooded the market with dollars.

Mr. Chernomyrdin's prescriptions brought

Mr. Kyd said that Hans Blix, the directorgeneral of the agency, made it clear to North Korea that "this is not a negotiation." He said that the agency forwarded an explanation of items on its inspection list and would not back down on them.

"We told them that we will not send an a crinkle or two, but this is substantial."

The United States has said that if North Korea permitted the inspections to go forward and reopened its dialogue with South Korea. the two sides could move to a round of breader discussions about diplomatic ties and aid. But it has also said that any inspection regime would have to be approved by the international Atomic Energy Agency.

North Korea also warned the United States and South Korea on Thursday against replacing Team Spirit, an annual joint military exercise, with other, smaller military exercises.

The Graying of Europe Has Started to Come to a Head

Washington Post Service .

PARIS - In the race to stay competitive with the rest of the world. Western Europe is slowly awakening to a troublesome handicap: Its population is rapidly turning gray, burdening prosperous societies that must find new means to subsidize the

A steady trend toward longer life spans and diminished birth rates is starting to have a dramatic impact throughout the 12 states of the European Union, just when they are experiencing the steepest recession in two decades. Schools are shutting, hospitals are becoming overcrowded, and the tax base of productive workers everywhere in Western Europe is shrink-

About one-lifth of the Union's 340 million citizens are over

60. Demographers say the proportion will grow, so that by 2010 there will be more Europeans drawing pensions than contributing to them.

"Europe has been getting older since the turn of the century, but the effect on our quality of life may really start to show in the next lew years," said Padraig Flynn, social affairs chief of the European Commission. "If we don't get some of the 20 million memployed people back to work soon, it will be hard

A falling birth rate has afflicted the wealthier parts of Europe for more than a decade. According to the UN Population Fund, Italy has the world's lowest fertility rate. Statistically, women bear only 1.3 children. All countries in Western urope, except Ireland, rank below the 2.1 level of the United States and the 3.3 world average.

The drop in European procreation often is attributed to the growing independence of women, who have entered the work force in large numbers and do not want the hurdens of raising a

A recent European Commission study found that of the 168 million women in European Union states, more than onequarter were heads of households, either living alone or as single parents. They have fewer babies, at a later age, and births outside marriage are rising fast.

Among couples, sociologists point to a widespread desire in prosperous European societies to spend more money and time on travel and leisure rather than on children. The increased use of hirth control and legalized abortion in Europe has coincided

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Europe's Debate: Interest Rates, Again

PARIS - Six months after a currency crisis blew apart Europe's exchange-rate system, ten-sions are mounting again over interest rates, an issue that was at the heart of that fraces.

This time, as the Continent's core economies of France and Germany continue to stagnate, the struggle is not among governments, or be-tween central banks and currency speculators. Instead, businessinch and government officials are at odds over the speed at which rates should be cut in order to kick-start growth.

A number of industrialists and economists say France's insistence on maintaining a strong franc by keeping its interest-rate cuts in step.
with Germany's means that Paris has lost a valuable opportunity to spur its own recovery. The debate sharpened Thursday after the Bundesbank council met and left rates unchanged again, raising concern that even its policy of slow, cautious rate reductions was

Although corporate executives in Europe are traditionally less outspoken than their Ameri-can counterparts in calling for cheaper money, interviews with business leaders, economists

ndesbank lifts a major financial burden on banks but leaves rates machanged. Page 11. !

and bankers in France and Germany suggest this reticence is being abandoned.

Among those in France demanding rapid cuts in interest rates is Jean-Pierre Tirouflet, chief financial officer of Rhone-Poulenc SA, the leading French chemicals and pharmaceuti-

cals group.
We are in the deepest recession in Continental Europe since the second world war, and at the same time France has the highest real shortterm interest rates in Europe, more than 4 percent," Mr. Tirouflet said in an interview.

thing. Efforts to cut rates were made during 1993, but the rates came down from a level that was insane. What is needed now to restart the economy is to cut real interest rates at the short

In Germany, where many companies have relatively long-term debt, the pressure for rate cuts is less acute because 10-year rates, now about 5.64 percent, are lower than short-term

But Dr. Heiner Flassbeck, a critic of the Bundesbank who is head of forecasting at the German Institute for Economic Research. based in Berlin, said Germany and France needed American-style sharp cuts in interest rates, on the order of two or three percentage points this year, "to get out of recession."

The Bundesbank's decision Thursday only

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In This Cold War, Cope and Thaw Out

By Paul F. Horvitz

ional Result Tribune WASHINGTON - Nature, not crime, is the henomenon binding millions of Americans into a survivalist community of anxiety and

And the brutal earthquake in Los Augeles is

not the half of it. The villain of the moment is unheard-of Arctic cold — a biting, penetrating, sub-zero cold that has locked a thick layer of granitehard ice over the East, Midwest, the Mountain states and parts of the South.

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very good citizen, you turn it off to save electricity. There were brownouts from North Carolina to New Jersey on Wednesday as voltage sagged; there also were staged, 30-minute blackouts rolling from neighborhood to neigh-borhood as demand outstripped the power supply. The Cold War never did this.

Click. The battery-powered radio is on, telling of closed schools, closed businesses and closed government offices. Even the steel mill in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was down. So much was closed that the announcers resorted to listing the hardy few institutions that were

Weather forecasters are hauling out all the superlatives. Minus 20 degrees Fabrenheit (mims 29 degrees centigrade) in Cleveland. Re-cord lows in Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia. Michigan? It was minus 52 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 47 centigrade) in one town. Tempera-tures in Washington on Wednesday hit the lowest levels in this century. Not to mention the

The alligator pond at an Alabama 200 froze, It could be worse. The governor of Pennsyl-

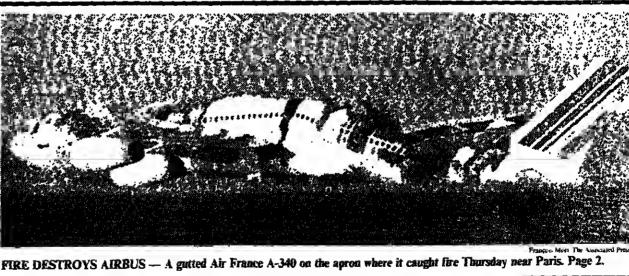
Click. The television is on — but if you are a vania and the mayor of the District of Columbry good citizen, you turn it off to save electric bia have resorted to emergency declarations. ses simply must close to save electricity or face fines.

Tankers carrying oil to the hungry power plants on the Delaware River off Philadelphia are ice-bound. On Thursday, the federal government was shut down, turning Washington into a libertarian's paradise. Airports in the Northeast closed for a while, then slowly came back. Emergency shelters were set up in some states where travelers were forced off impass-

Nearly 100 people have died since Friday in car accidents or of cardiac arrest linked to the

The windows are icy. On the inside. Will the milk and bread hold out? Cabin fever is rampant. The kids, millions of bored kids, have been home from school for days. Going out to play is an invitation to frostbite and hypothermia. The newspapers are full of instructions: How to dress (layers, layers

and more layers), how to save water pipes, how See COLD, Page 5



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Special Counsel Gets Whitewater Case

Kiosk

A former U.S. prosecutor, Robert Fiske, was named Thursday to probe the Clintons' Arkansas land dealings in the 1980s. Mr. Fiske said he planned to question both Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, under outh. At a news conference where Attorney General Janet Reno announced his selection as independent counsel. Mr. Fiske said be would conduct a broad probe including whether the suicide of Vincent Foster Jr., a White House aide and Clinton friend, had any link to the Whitewater case. (Page 3)

Even Insiders Learn to Bash Washington

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - It has been a long time since Washington got any respect, but the last year has been particularly hard on the old

The town had barely recovered from being labeled "a mess" by Ross Perot when Bill Clinton's crowd started in. Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, the Hollywood producer and first family friend, called Washington an "incestuous insane asylum," and began preparing a new sit-

com lampooning the city. Vincent W. Foster Jr., the deputy White House counsel, said in a note before his suicide that "ruining people is considered sport" here.

dent Clinton complained that the culture was obstructionist and should be changed.

And in his television appearances on Tuesday, in which he withdrew his nomination as secretary of defense, Bobby Ray Imman railed about an "era of modern McCarthyism" and spun what sounded even to his friends like strange theories of conspiracies between politicians and columnists.

It used to be that only outsiders bashed Washington. Then insiders pretending to be outsiders - Patrick Buchanan, George Bush and even Bill Clinton, the governor who worked the capital as though it were a precinct of

David R. Gergen, the presidential counselor. Arkansas — bashed Washington. Now. with warned that a "cannibalism" was loose. Presive teran Washington officials such as Mr. Gergen and Mr. Inman joining in, the rhetorical device of playing David to the capital's Goliath has reached a remarkable new level. Populist attacks on Washington have become the stock in trade of Washington insiders.

"I've made a number of attacks on the Washington establishment," drawled James Carville, the Clinton strategist. "But Bobby Inman isn't exactly the ally you want." If Mr. Gergen and Mr. Inman, charter mem-

bers of the Washington culture of leaking, manipulating, backscratching and logrolling, now See BASH, Page 5

France Appeals for Talks to Thwart Wider Bosnia War

PARIS - France proposed Thursday that the United States, Russia and the European Union countries hold urgent talks to conceive a new international approach to stop civil war in Bosnia after the breakdown of negotiations in Ge-

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe declared that a radically different policy was needed to thwart escalation in fighting that could jeopardize hundreds of thousands of civilians as well as the humanitarian aid operations of the 26,000-man United Nations peacekeeping force.

Diplomats said consultations could begin as early as Saturday when foreign ministers from many of the countries involved are expected to gather in Oslo to attend the funeral of Johan Jürgen Holst, the Norwegian minister who died of a stroke after helping to broker mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Orga-

Mr. Juppé said the latest failure tn stop the 21-month-old war showed that Bosnia's warring Serbs. Croats and Muslims were not willing to make peaceful commitments, let alone honor them on the battlefield.

He said a new approach "means thinking about the need to draw conclusions from the parties' obstinate determination to gain through war what we want them to achieve by peace.

The tone of the appeal also reflected France's worsening political and military predicament in maintaining a large peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslavia that has neither the weaponry nor the necessary orders to use force to carry out its mandate, which is to deliver aid but to refrain from combat even when physically threatened.

France has deployed about 6,000 peacekeepers in Bosnia and Croatia, more than any other country, als who have headed the UN peace-but increasingly appears eager to keeping force for the past year, Phi-March as part of what Mr. Juppé



General Jean Cot, the UN commander, left, looking at a cartoon in a Sarajevo newspaper Thursday depicting him as a bowling pin being hit by Butros Butros Ghali, the UN chief. General Cot, who was critical of UN policy on Bosnia, will be replaced by the end of March.

military sources say the harrowing number of war crimes and the frustrating nature of the mandate has turned the mission into a democalizing experience for many of the

Moreover, the two French gener-

Jean Cot, have repeatedly clashed with the UN secretary-general, Bu-tros Butros Ghali, and the rest of the civilian hierarchy that has followed the war from the safety of the UN's New York headquarters.

The French government announced this week that General Cot would be replaced at the end of

find a face-saving way to extricate lippe Morillon and his successor, termed a "regular rotation." Gen-President François Mitterrand in them by the end of winter. French Jean Cot, have repeatedly clashed eral Cot had urged Mr. Butros Paris on Jan. 8 and demanded that Ghali to delegate to him the power France recall General Cot. to order air strikes in order to protect his forces when under attack.

Mr. Minerand and the govern-Mr. Butros Ghali refused to do Balladur had supported General so, insisting that such authority was Cot publicly and urged that his

ment of Prime Minister Edouard conferred strictly on him by the forces be granted the means and members of the UN Security Coun- flexibility to carry out their miscil. Angered by the general's imper-tinence, Mr. Botros Ghali met with UN chief, Mr. Mitterrand ac-

knowledged that the French general should not receive the authority to call for air strikes, presidentis

advisers said. In the past, France has repeatedly insisted that the UN secretaryneral must be the ultimate augeneral must be the trouble thority in deciding when to launch air stokes from North Atlantic

Treaty Organization bases in Italy. France led the way at the NATO summit talks in Brussels earlier this month for a renewed warning of air strikes against Bosnian Serbs, especially if they persisted in keeping the Tuzia airport closed and refused to allow Dutch troops to replace a Canadian contingent blocked in the Muslim enclave of

Sreprenica. On Wednesday, Mr. Butros Ghali ruled out any use of air strikes to open the airport at Tuzia or to relieve the Canadian troops because the UN forces lacked "other means" on the ground to make the strikes successful.

-WILLIAM DROZDIAK

A Vote to Oast Owen Frustrated by unsuccessful efforts to halt war in Boama, the European Parliament called Thursday for the dismissal of David Owen, the European Union's medi-ator in the Yugoslav peace process, news agencies reported from Stras-bourg, France.

By a vote of 160 to 90, with 13 abstentions, the European Union's 518-member assembly said Lord Owen had not fulfilled his task to bring peace to the region. A deci-sion to dismiss him could be taken

only by the 12 EU governments. But in London, Lord Owen said Thursday that he intended to stay on. Asked whether he would resign after the resolution, he said: "There's no question of it." He said that it was an open secret that he wanted to quit the burdensome task but that he had agreed to belp EU foreign ministers through what he said was the current crisis.

Blaze Guts

Airbus at

De Gaulle

PARIS - Fire destroyed an al-

most new Airbus jetimer worth \$120 million Thursday while it was on the tarmac before going into service for the day. The autrast was

empty and there were no casualties. The 30-minute fire gutted and

maintenance hangar, but officials speculated the fire could have been

touched off by a cigarette left smol-

dering by a passenger or by an electrical fault in the wiring about

Transport police and fire special-

ists checked the wreckage for clucs.
It was the second incident in-

volving an Airbus plane this week. Earlier, an Airbus A-330, the twin-

engined, shorter-range consin of the A-340, had to return to Paris

Orly airport when its landing gear failed to retract after takeoff.

The A-330, which can carry more

Toulouse with 139 passengers. Air

Inter is the domestic service of Air

The aircraft that burned went

into service in June, one of the first

Air France declined to identify

the intended destination of the A-

340, which is one of only seven in service with the company. The car-

rier uses A-340s on its routes to

Latin America and North America

and was planning to introduce it on Asian routes this year. Air France has placed firm orders for five more

A-340s and holds options for 12. The A-340, which can carry 263

to 295 passengers, is designed for long routes that are relatively thin-ly traveled. One established a dis-

the aircraft.

WORLD BRIEFS

Patten Calls China 'Irrational' on Vote

LONDON (Reuters) - Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong on

Thursday accused China of being responsible for the deadlock in talks over the British colony's handover to Beijing in 1997.

In testimony to a parliamentary committee, Mr. Patten said Britain would go ahead with electoral reforms in Hong Kong whether Beijing would go ahead with electoral reforms in Hong Kong whether Beijing would go ahead with electoral reforms in Hong Kong whether Beijing would go ahead with electoral reforms in Hong Kong whether Beijing would go ahead with electoral reforms in place for democratic election had to be sent in place for democratic election. before the legislation had to be put in place for democratic elections.

"These are fantastically complicated elections," Mr. Patten said. "July is cutting things very fine indeed." He said the Chinese had been is cutting mad appealed to them to return to the negotiating table.

U.S. and Hanoi to Discuss War Claims

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States and Vietnam have agreed to hold talks aimed at settling millions of dollars in financial claims stemming from the 1975 Communist victory over the U.S.-backed South Victnamese government, the State Department said Thursday.

The agreement to discuss the estimated \$250 million in U.S. clauss marks a new step toward improved relations between the countries, which

The prospective dialogue, while not directly related to the lifting of a 19-year U.S. trade embargo against Hanoi, fits into a pattern of moves toward normalization of ties.

Spy-Swap Lawyer Is Free on Bail

BONN (NYT) — Wolfgang Vogel, a Berlin lawyer who became famous during the Cold War trading spies and political prisoners between East and West, was freed on ball Thursday after six months in jail tween East and West, was freed on ball the charges brought against him accused of tax evasion, perjury, and other charges brought against him since Germany was reunified in 1990.

Mr. Vogel and his wife, Helga, were arrested July 18 when the tax evasion and perjury investigations became public. Mrs. Vogel was released on bail last summer, Mr. Vogel, 68, posted more than \$2 million in bail, according to his lawyer. A spokeswoman for the justice authorities in Berlin said Mr. Vogel was still under suspicion of tax evasion. He also faces trial on separate charges of perjury, blackmail and coercion of former clients in East Germany.

U.S. Ready to Release Waldheim File

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States may soon release WASHINGTON (Reuters)—The United States may soon feature parts of a secret file on the Nazi past of Kurt Waldheim, the former Austrian president; administration sources said Thursday. Pridence in the file led to his being barred in 1987 from entering the United States. The sources said the Justice Department had recommended the release of parts of the file containing a chronology of Mr. Waldheim's wartime activities and documenting his proximity to and involvement in Nazi atrocities in the Balkans.

Mr. Waldheim, who served two terms as United Nations secretary general before his 1986 election to the Austrian presidency, has admitted to covering up his World War II army record but has denied knowledge of or participation in war crimes.

Correction

Because of an editing error, an article from Geneva in Thursday's editions misrepresented an agreement between Croatia and Serbia. The two agreed on eventual, not immediate, diplomatic recognition and took first steps toward that goal.

TRAVEL UPDATE

EU Air Experts Favor Free Market

- BRUSSELS (Renters) — The Enropean Union should press on with liberalizing the Continent's air industry and get tough on state aid to

The committee of experts, set up to find cures to the industry's problems, will present its report to the European Commission on Feb. 1.

They said the panel had come down more in favor of the free-market approach of British Airways than the state and favored by airing stateowned carriers such as Air France, Sabena and Alitalia.

Senior officials from those three sintines urged at hearings last Septem-

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(AFP)

Charles de Gaulle airport, and was Cambodia will stage a pedical race next month to kick off a series of on an apron far from passenger events aimed at helping to shed its war image, the Tourism Ministry announced Thursday. Smoking is forbidden in the

A typhoon raged just off the Great Barrier Reef on Thursday, battering the Australian mortheast coast with gale force winds and high seas. Authorities said it had killed 10 people. At least nine people were missing and presumed drowned off Papua New Guinea's southeast tip. (AP) Grand Canyon is looking to carb overcrowding, even a ban on cars. "You can easily spend an hour and a half of a two-hour visit just looking for a place to park," a spokesman said. In summer day, about 20,000 visitors and 6,000 cars pass through daily. There are fewer than 2,000

parking places.

Scandinavian Airlines System will begin three weekly flights between Osaka and Copenhagen after Kansai International Airport starts operations in Osaka in September, SAS officials said Thursday.

(AFP) Heavy snow in the Moroccan mountains forced road closings and

marconed groups of tourists at resorts. (Reuters)

Nigeria threatened to impose sauctions against international airlines that sell tickets in foreign currencies. Some carriers had urged local travel

agents to stop dealing in Nigeria's overvalued currency. Arafat and Peres Will Seek

Accord at Norway Meeting

CAIRO — The PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, and Foreign Minis-ter Shimon Peres of Israel will try to put the Israeli-PLO peace deal back on track when they travel to

the funcial of the man who brokered it. The Egyptian foreign minister, Amr Moussa, said that Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres would meet on Saturday in Norway, where both will attend the funeral of the Norwe-

gian foreign minister, Johan Jorgen Holst. Mr. Holst oversaw secret negotiations that led to the peace agree-

ment signed in Washington in September, under which Israel and the PLO agreed to limited Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jerion carrying out the self-rule accord

The accord has since run into sues.

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the plan.
"It is expected that Arafat and
"It is expected that Arafat and for more discussions on the negoti-ations between them," Mr. Moussa said Thursday after a lengthy meeting between Mr. Arafat and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

He said that Mr. Arafat would return to Cairo in the middle of next week for more discussions with Mr. Mubarak after his meeting with Mr. Peres.

There is a good chance that a Palestinian-Israeli agreement will be reached soon," Mr. Moussa

have been stalled over security is-

London Headmistress Misreads Romeo and Juliet'

LONDON — London school officials questioned a headmistress Thursday about allegations she had denied children the chance to see the ballet "Romeo and Juliet" because she felt the story was "blatantly" heterosexual.

Officials in the Hackney district of east London said they had summoned the headmistress, Jane Brown, for an explanation of her refusal of cut-price tickets for the pupils at her school, aged under 11, to go to London's Covent Garden ballet and opera house.

In comments later Thursday, the headmistress, 36, said

she was "dismayed at the distress" that her move had "caused to parents, staff and pupils." Earlier, she told officials the Covent Garden ballet and opera house that until books, film and the theater reflected all forms of sexuality, she thought it inappropriate to expose her pupils to the tale of the ill-fated young lovers.

Hackney's education chief, Gus John, described the decision as "ideological idiocy and cultural philistinism."

But after a meeting with the headmistress, he said, "She accepts that she was seeking to bring a series of ideological considerations to the content of that play and that was Colleagues at Kingsmead Primary School said that the headmistress's intention had been misunderstood and that she had not wanted to expose the children to dramatized gang warfare that forms an important part of Shake-

speare's plot.
"She is not trying to promote homosequality," a col-league said. "All she was trying to do was to prevent the children being fed a constant diet of gang fights and

The colleague added: "The school is on the edge of a notorious estate and showing the children yet more male stereotyping, feeding and knives is no joke. It is a question of halance."

Brutal Slaying Recounted as Skinheads Go on Trial

wholly inappropriate."

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WUPPERTAL, Germany — Two neo-Nazi skinheads and a bar owner accused of kicking and burning a fellow German to death because he was Jewish went on trial

Thursday.

The three defendants, who were caught within days of the November 1992 incident, listened impassively as the prosecutor, Hans Jochen Buesem, gave a harrowing account of the alcohol on the man and set him afire. death 14 months ago of the victim, identified only as Karl

Hans R., 53.

Mr. Buesem said the skinheads told police they had had a drinking match with the man, a Wuppertal butcher, in a pub owned by Marian Jan Glensk, 32, an ethnic German immigrant from Poland.

After someone suggested, apparently wrongly, that the butcher was half Jewish, one skinhead knocked him off his bar stool and both kicked him with their jackboots as be lay on the floor, Mr. Buesem said.

The victim, unconscious and with broken ribs, bruises and

severe burns on his chest and stomach, was bundled into a

drive from Wuppertal, northeast of Cologue, to Venin, just across the Dutch border, where his body was dumped.

He died of his injuries during the 100-kilometer (60-mile)

The maximum sentence for Mr. Wember and Mr. Glensk would be life in prison. Prosecutors say Mr. Senf will probably be tried as a juvenile offender, which means he

could get a maximum 10 years in prison if convicted.

Germany has been swept by neo-Nazi and other rightist violence since it was united in 1990. While most-media attention has so far been paid to xenophobic attacks on foreign residents and refugees in the country, about half of

Against the backdrop of the trial, police raided the apartments and hangouts of rightist extremists in five German states Thursday morning in a crackdown ordered by the

Serious Crimes

Soar in China

BELJING - Serious crimes, including murder and drug traffick-ing, rose by 23.4 percent in 1993 as an economic boom brought more thefts, gang violence and narcotics

abuse, a senior police official said. The official, Bai Jingfu, deputy minister of public security, said the overall crime rate in 1993 rose by 6.2 percent, roughly the same growth it has shown each year since

1982, the official China Daily said. But serious criminal cases shot higher, reflecting a broader change in society brought by economic reform. The police cracked 19,000 drug trafficking cases, up 32 per-cent from 1992. Reported theits and robberies oumbered 450,000 roughly 20 percent more than in the previous year. Mr. Bai said the rate of criminal offenses reached 20 per 10,000 people in China in 1993.



Nobel Laureates Plead for Jailed French Doctor

PARIS - Thirty-three Nobel prize winners added their voice Thursday to a petition to pardon Jean-Pierre Allain, one of the four doctors convicted in the French scandal of AIDS-contaminated

ready dead, families of the victims reacted bitterly against the peti-tion, which was presented to President François Mitterrand and had

and researchers. The convicted doctors, all senior

officials in the national transfusion service, allowed distribution of a contaminated blood clotting product in 1985, after the AIDS risk had four year sentence and Dr. Allain, the chief researcher, two years. The nther two doctors got suspended

asked that the four be pardoned.

The petition said that scientific as a professor as soon as he has knowledge about contamination completed his sentence. Colleagues nent French and foreign doctors was uncertain in 1985, that the problems in France had been no worse than in other countries and that the four doctors had under-

gone "trial by media." The appeal from the Nobel laureates on Dr. Allain's behalf said But with more than 1,200 hemo-become known. The head of the that the French media had created philiacs contaminated and 300 al-service. Michel Garretta, received a a climate of hostility that made it

impossible for him to be given a Cambridge University in Britain has said it will take back Dr. Allain

than 330 passengers and was mak-ing only its second commercial flight, landed safely. It was on an Air Inter flight from Paris Only to for the negligence of his superiors. But the health minister, Simone Veil, opposed the campaigning on behalf of the doctors, saying that "justice had been done."

Act Up, a militant AIDS lobby, said those infected by the disease as a result of the negligence of Dr. Garretta and his colleagues had been "betrayed and insulted" by

Scientists Isolate Gene Linked to Bone Disorder

By David Brown Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Medicine

may one day be able to use a simple genetic test to identify people at increased risk of osteoporosis — a common disorder characterized by thin, brittle bones — and to do so early in life when preventive efforts aimed at strengthening the skeleton That is the implication of new research, reported Thursday in the journal Nature, which found that

gle gene, rather than diet or envi-

In general, a person's propensity to develop low bone density is determined about 60 percent by heredity and about 40 percent by various environmental factors such as dietary intake of calcium, amount of exercise, especially during youth, and the prevalence of smoking. The new research by Australian scientists found that most of the

genetic contribution to bone densi-

largely controls absorption and use leading to immobility, admission to of calcium. They discovered that nursing homes, and in about onesome forms of that gene are associated with lower bone density.

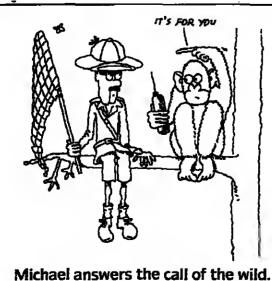
A co-author of the study, Philip N. Sambrook, said he did not be-lieve the findings "should be viewed as preordaining people to osteoporosis." But if a test can detect those with the low-density variauts, he said, "it does open up the potential to target interventions." Osteoporosis is a major hazard

quarter of cases, death within six mnnths. Ostenparasis severe enough that it leads to fractures tends to run in families.

Possible interventions to prevent osteoporosis include: urging young women at genetic risk of the condition to participate in vigorous, weight-bearing athletics during the

period of bone growth; use of calcium and possibly vitamin D supplealmost half the variation in the ty came from one gene that in- of old age, especially for women. ments, and estrobone density of adults appears to structs cells how to make receptors. Hip fractures in the elderly often after menopause. ments, and estrogen replacement

tance record last year by flying from Paris to New Zealand and back with only one stop. A spokesman for Air France said there would be no disruptions to craft would be replaced by Boeing 747s in the company's fleet. The 747 has a higher passenger capacity and burns more fuel.



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Former Federal Prosecutor **Expects to Question Clintons**

By David Johnston ... New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Janet Reno named Robert B. Fiske Jr., a former U.S. attorney in New York, as an independent prosecutor on Thursday with a broad mandate for conducting a criminal investigation of President Bill Clinton's financial dealings in

Mr. Fiske, a Republican, said the investigation would almost certainly require him to question the president and his wife, Hillary; under

"I think this is a very important assignment," Mr. Piske said. "I think this is important for the

Mr. Fiske said at a press conference that Ms. Reno had granted him a "very broad" charter to pursue "a complete, thorough and im-

partial" inquiry.

His reputation as a coolly determined prosecutor, combined with the wide scope of his authority. suggested that the inquiry into the Clintons' real estate investments in their home state likely would remain a serious distraction for the administration for months.

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Moreover, the timing of the announcement, on the first anniversa-Ty of the president's inauguration. seemed to underscore the crosswinds buffeting the White House: Mr. Clinton finds his popularity rising after a year in office even as

he faces an inquiry into his past.

Mr. Fiske said he had set the parameters of the investigation himself, enabling him to delve into any relevant area related to Whitewater Land Development Corp., the Clintons' real estate in-

vestment firm. He said this incloded Whitewater's relationship to Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, a failed financial institution owned by James B. McDougal, the Chintons' bosiness partner in Whitewater, and another company, Capital Management Services Inc. Capital Management Services

was a small investment firm set up to assist disadvantaged businesses The company's former owner, Da-wid Hale, who is facing trial for fraud in Little Rock, Arkansas, has accused Mr. Clinton and Mr. McDougal of pressuring him to make a franchient loans backed by the Small Business Administration

The scope of the inquiry meant that Mr. Fiske would examine events during Mr. Clinton's years as governor as well as matters after he became president, including how the White House handled an inquiry into the suicide last summer of Vincent W. Foster Jr., the files on Whitewater have been subpoensed by federal prosecutors.

how long the investigation might last, but he said would leave his New York law firm Monday to begin work and would "go flat out until we are through."

Mr. Fiske was imable to estimate

Mr. Fiske said he planned to base his operations in Little Rock, at the "center of gravity" of the

White House aides said the Clintons would cooperate with Mr. Fiske. Asked about Mr. Fiske's intention to interview the Clintons under oath, the White House press secretary. Dee Dee Myers, said: "He hasn't done it yet. We'll deal with that when it comes."

Some Republican lawmakers who were loudest in urging Mr. Clinton to appoint someone from outside the government to investi gate the case seemed satisfied with

Representative Jim Leach of lowa said, "The attorney general has made a quality appointment, an individual of appropriate back-ground and integrity."
The Senate Republican leader,

Bob Dole of Kansas, seemed less

"I don't know Robert Fiske, but my reaction is to wait and see what happens," he said. "They've chosen someone. That's what we asked

Special Counsel Weather Adds to Woes of Homeless Quake Survivors



President Bill Clinton with water department workers, viewing damage in Northridge, California, the epicenter of the earthquakc.

Higher Marks for Economy, and Clinton

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

NEW YORK - For the first time since the onset of the recession in mid-1990, the oumber of Americans expressing confidence in the economy has caught up to those with negative views about it, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll

The shift has helped restore President Bill Clinton's public approval to the higher level he enjoyed when he first took office.

After one year of Mr. Clinton's presidency, 54 percent of the public like the way he is handling his job, a striking rebound from last summer, day and was no doubt influenced

new president since World War IL

Now Mr. Clinton's popularity compares favorably to his post-Watergate predecessors on their first anniversacies in office, Ronald Reagan had a 49 percent approval rating at this stage, while Jimmy Carter had 51 percent. George Bush was at 76 percent, but that was due in part to the public's rallying behind him after the American invasion of Panama and the col-

when Americans were more critical by the fact that it coincided with of him then they had been of any Mr. Clinton's European trip. The president's higher marks

> proval by 50 percent of the way he is handling foreign policy, up from 38 percent in November While 66 percent of the respondents approved of Mr. Clinton's posture toward Russia, it is clear

> that many Americans do not believe that be has been tested on foreign matters. More Americans are concerned

> about the ecocomy at home than about international affairs, and 42 percent approve of the way Mr. Clinton is handling the economy, reflecting a slow but steady climb from 38 percent in November and 34 percent in September.

After years in which most people viewed the economy as either very good or fairly good, while 49 per- and 14 percent in September.

cent said it was either very bad or fairly bad.

The one-point difference is oot overall are owed partly to the apsignificant; the poll, of 1,146 adults, had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage

There were several other signs of the public's more positive economic mood: Seventy-six percent said for most people it was a good time to buy a house, up from 61 percent just before Mr. Clinton took office.

There has been a marked decline in the number of Americans who say they believe someone in their family will be out of work and looking for a job in the oext year; those fears have receded to 21 percent, from 40 percent a year ago.

And in a particularly optimistic were downbeat about the economy. indicator, 31 percent said the econ-the poll found that 50 percent omy was "getting better," sharply degrees cenligrade) on Wednesday up from 19 percent in November

night and rain on the way lent ur- respiratory ailments. gency on Thursday to efforts to find shelter for the tens of thousands of people driven from their homes by the earthquake.

"We need to get those people out," said a spokeswoman for the Recreation and Parks Department. 'It's unbealthy out there.

About 20,000 people were camping in the city's parks, said the spokeswoman, Jackie Talum. Many more slept in county parks as the overnight temperature dipped into the mid-40s Fahrenheit.

lion advance for earthquake repair ordinating body, the Federal Emeron Thursday and announced a five-gency Management Agency, began day extension, until Jan. 25, of 100 percent federal financing for emergency services in the state. The actions were in addition to the \$140 million in aid that Mr. Clinton made available Wednesday for

A White House statement said the \$100 million advance would come from an emergency fund and would be used "for all repairs to local, city and state infrastructure

Thousands of Los Angeles-area commuters rose hours before dawn on Thursday to get an early jump on their morning drive. They succeeded in a way: They were the first

to be stuck in traffic. Cars lined up for miles in severe traffic jams as motorists detoured around wrecked sections of the sprawling freeway system. Fog complicated the problems as some motorists dodged frightened, stray

animals that ran onto highways, Commutes that oormally take 90 minutes were lasting up to six hours. Highway repairs were expected to take up to 18 months. Getting people out of encamp-ments and makeshift quarters in their own front yards and into more more permanent shelter is a top priority, said Henry G. Cisne-ros, the U.S. secretary of Housing

and Urban Development. "We're finding more housing was damaged than we thought," he said in an interview with ABC-TV from the San Fernando Valley.

"When you fly over it you really can't see the problem. But then you get down oo the road or in front of the house and you see that it's fall-en off its foundation and it is completely unsafe and is going to have to be demolished."

Temperatures dropped to the mid-40s Fahrenheit (from 6 to 8 night and the humidity stood at 90 percent, prompting doctors and aid

LOS ANGELES - A chilly and the very young would suffer

Rain was expected by Saturday night. Storms could also wreak further havoc with the region's crumbled freeway system and with dam-

The sheriff's department said the death toll had risen to 51, based on the latest report from the coroner's office. The foll from the earthquake also includes 4,800 injured and up to \$30 billion in damage.

Earthquake victims swamped federal disaster centers on Thurs-In Washington, President Bill day with pleas for emergency aid Clinton gave California a \$100 milopening 11 centers to offer onestop assistance for low-interest loans, housing, or counseling.

Many grocery stores were still closed, with canned goods and other food strewn over floors,

Residents flooded consumer hor lines with reports of price gouging. complaining of merchants charging as much as \$65 for pizza and \$10 for a gallon (3.7 liters) of milk.

Not even Hollywood was spared as celebrities such as Elizabeth Taylor, Carroll O'Connor and Jerry Van Dyke suffered damage to

(Rewers, AP)

Still Ticking: The 'Big One'

PASADENA, California -Los Angeles residents, still reeling from Monday's 6.6-magnitude eartbquake, are growing panicky that the much-feared "Big One" is coming. Scientists say they have good reason to be afraid.

"The chances are about 30 percent over the next 30 years," said Kerry Sieh, a geologist at the California Institute of Technology. And the odds will increase as time goes by, he warned.

The "Big One" is the longforecast earthquake expected to have a magnitude of 8.0 or more on the Richter scale. A 8.0 quake could cause tremendous damage; it would be 40 times more powerful than Monday's temblor. The 1906 quake that devastated San Francisco has been put at 8.3.

POLITICAL NOTES

Taking a Byte Out of Red Tape

WASHINGTON - By the end of the decade, a giant nationwide computer system; will electronically pay nearly all of the 1 billion bills that Medicare health instrume for elderly and disabled Americans covers each year. Beneficiaries of the governmental program will only have to hand their Medicare and to think of the content of the conte care card to their doctors, hospitals, laboratories or nursing homes to make sure their bills

Once a patient's identification fumber is punched into a terminal at a hospital or doctor's office, the computer will compute how much Medicare owes, electronically transfer that amount to the doctor's or hospital's bank account, calculate how much an individual's supplemental insurance policy owes, and automatically bill for that if the Medicare beneficiary has no supplemental insurance, the government computer will bill the individual for whatever is owed.

That seemingly smooth procedure was out-lined by the secretary of health and human

excerpts from the notes of Mr. Shultz's top

According to the notes of one aide, M. Charles Hill, the secretary of state was startled to learn of how deeply Mr. Bush was involved in the affair.

services, Donna E. Shalala, and the health

care financing administrator, Bruce C. Vla-deck, who amounced a \$19 million contract awarded to GTE Government Systems Corp. of Chantilly, Virginia, to design the new system and phase it in from 1996 to 1998. (WP)

Spicy Comments From Shuitz

WASHINGTON -- George P. Shultz, secretary of state during the Reagan administra-tion, considered Vice President George Bush a "superficial" politician who was "up to his missed Caspar W. Weinberger, then the secretary of defense, as "either stunid or dishon-est." And Mr. Shultz himself knew more about President Ronald Reagan's secret arms sales to Iran than he later admitted to Congress, according to the independent counsel

on the Iran-contra affair, Lawrence E. Walsh. While containing no major new revelations about the scandal involving secret arms sales to Iran, Mr. Walsh's final report, made public this week, did include some startlingly salty Quote/Unquote Representative Lee H. Hamilton, Demo-

crat of Indiana, on Bobby Ray Inman's news conference, at which he withdrew his nomination to be defense secretary: "Ordinarily, if a person is rejecting a position, he comes out and says, Thank you, Mr. President, it has been an honor, but I've thought about it and reject the nomination for the following reasons.' One, two three. Then you sit down and it's over with Inman's news conference was extraordinary, one of the most amazing events I've seen in Washington, a stream of consciousness that confirmed the fact that he was not going to be comfortable in the job. And if he was not going to be comfortable, be was not going to be a good secretary." (NYT)

Away From Politics

· Lorena Bobbitt ent off her husband's penis in "a calculated and malicious act of revenge" in a calculated and manerous act of revenge for an abusive marriage, the prosecutor said in closing arguments at her trial in Manassas, Virginia, The defense countered that she had been under extreme stress when she attacked John Wayne Bobbitt. "This girl was crum-bling," said Mrs. Bobbitt's attorney, Blair Howard "She was falling apart." The prosecutor. Mary Grace O'Brien, conceded the Bobbitts had a violent marriage, but said it was not the "reign of terror" depicted by the de• The constitutionality of the military justice system has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, which unammously rejected arguments that judges were subject to improper influence by the military superiors who select them.

 A child or tecnager is killed by gunfire every two hours in the United States, the Children's Defense Fund said. It called for stronger regulation of the sale, manufacture and possession of nonsporting firearms.

Three children, ages 4, 5 and 6, caught trying to swipe doughnuts had been left home alone in Chicago with nothing to eat, the police said. Caught shoplifting, they told the store clerk they were lungry. The clerk let

them go. A neighbor child learned about the incident and told a parent, who called the police. The parents, Sandra Brandon, 26, and Elvie Holmes, 27, were charged with child neglect. The children were placed in state

custody.

• Rodney King, whose beating by police officers led to the 1992 Los Angeles riots, was put on three years' probation and ordered to pay \$1,438 in fines and court costs after a nocontest plea to a drunken driving charge.

The fife expectancy for men in New York
City has declined for the first time in a century
because of AIDS, state officials said. It went from 68.9 years in 1981 to 68.6 years in 1991.

Rebels Caught Mexico Army Unprepared

By Tod Robberson Weshington Post Service
MEXICO CITY — The unexpected rebellion by Indian peasants this month forced the Mexican mil-itary to ahandon its traditional low profile and wage war through the jungles of southern Mexico, a job military experts say it was ill-pre-pared, underfunded and poorly

equipped to take on. The ability of Zapatista National Liberation Army rebels to sezze four towns and several villages on Jan. 1, and hold them for 24 hours without challenge from the army, not only represented an embarrassment for the Mexican military and civilian leadership but also suggested a failure of their intelligence apparatus, military experts said.

command structure and mission, counterinsurgency, according to attack anybody, so why would anyforeign analysis.

"While theoretically they are combat-ready, in reality they really have no experience in the kind of combat they re seeing in Chiapas. combat they're seeing in Chiapas, because of year-end holidays. By Regardless of the reasons for the said Roderic A. Camp, a Tulane because of year-end holidays. By Regardless of the reasons for the University political scientist and timing the uprising for the predawn army's slow reaction, analysts said.

1970s. Aside from 2-few generals who may have witnessed that fighting as jumor officers, the army has not known direct combat.

pas appeared to be maynin peasants who said they were fighting against discrimination, powerly and years of government neglect. Government officials said the rebel leader-The average soldier's experience

is more likely to have been in providing disaster relief or refurbishing dilapidated public facilities. Of the 105,000 soldiers on active duty, to hold San Cristobal de las Casas only 25,000 are assigned to fighting — which with 90,000 people is the only 25,000 are assigned to fighting drug traffickers, which military analysts say is the closest a Mexican soldier normally comes to combat. Modern Mexico "has never had

to fear or prepare extensively for war against a hostile foreign enc-As a result, Mexico is likely to my, basically because it has a very As a result, Microco is likely to conciliatory foreign policy," said a witness an overhaul of the military conciliatory foreign policy," said a witness and mission, former U.S. Embassy military anawith the army withdrawing from its lyst. "They put very little emphasis roles of fighting drug unifickers on offensive operations and most and providing welfare services and of it on defensive training because. At an army battalion headquarinstead putting a new locus on their attitude is. We would never ters less than 10 miles (16 kilome-

> The army is believed to have had fewer than 4,000 troops in Chiapas at the time of the Zapatista unitsing, with many of them on leave countryside.

author of a 1992 book on the Mexi- hours of New Year's Day, the Za- the rebel uprising is almost certain patistas caught the military at its to provoke changes in the military's weakest moment, experts said. can military.

He said the army's only previous counterinsurgency experience was during a small pessant uprising in the central state of Guerrero in the Most of the Zapatista fighters and levels of funding.

ship, however, appeared to be non-ladian, educated and well-versed in guerrilla warfare.

Fewer than 200 rebels were able state's second-largest city - for 24 hours unchallenged by the army.

When they withdrew to surrounding mountains on Jan. 2, the city was without a military presence for several hours until a small army unit moved into the central plaza in the late afternoon. On Jan. 3, paratroops began efforts to root the rebels out of other urban cen-

eight straight days, limiting their ability to redeploy and engage the Zapatistas in the heavily wooded

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By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE - A major naval boildup in East Asia, a result of political rivalries, offshore territorial disputes and uncertainty about the future power balance in the region, threatens to touch off a broader arms race that will be difficult to halt and could lead to

conflict, analysts said Thursday.

A report by The New York Times that North Korea has begun purchasing 40 attack submarines from Russia's Pacific Fleet points to one of the main factors fueling the buildup — the ready availability of weapons as major suppliers compete for slices of the Asian arms market.

Many of the Russian diesel submarines being transferred to North Korea are 20 to 30 years old, and most reports say they are to be cut up for scrap. But experts say they could be used as sources of spare parts for North Korea's existing fleet of 24 submarines.

The development that causes most concern in the Asia-Pacific region is the acquisition — particularly by China, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea - of modern, long-range naval might that could be deployed for offensive as well as defensive purposes. The earlier emphasis on ground forces oriented to

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much of the region has been replaced by a focus on modern naval and air forces to support new economic and security interests and to project national influence," said Paul Dibb, head of the Strategic and Defense Studies Center at the Australian National

University in Canberra. He said that East Asia's widespread economic prosperity would enable real growth in military spending

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and the introduction of more high-technology military

equipment to continue.

Mr. Dibb said that controlling the spread of advanced conventional weapons in North Asia - where there are entrenched animosities or suspicions between North and South Korea, China and Taiwan, China and Japan, and Japan and Korea — would be "very difficult." He added that "the strategic consequences of unrestricted sales could prove highly

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said that America was being viewed as a country that "fluid and impredictable." Countries such as Malaysia was diminishing its role in East Asia, "despite protes- with outdated military equipment must upgrade their tations to the contrary."

And it is for that reason, he said, that China sees a power vacuum which it feels it can "very readily" fill. He said that China had built up its fleet of destroyers, frigates and other major surface vessels to 59 in

1993, from 27 in 1981. from 35, Japan's to 63 from 48 and South Korea's to

According to the International Institute for Strate-Studies in London, China had 45 submarines in 1993, Japan 14, Taiwan 4 and South Korea one.

The institute said that "major naval orders" had been placed or were being planned by Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

Although the main focus of concern in the arms buildup is Northeast Asia, many countries in Southeast Asia, fearful of larger regional powers, are also buying advanced missile-equipped ships to protect

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Najib Razak, the Malaysian defense minister, said Singh said.

is now a researcher at the East-West Center in Hawaii, that the end of the Cold War made security in Asia capability "to prepare for the worst scenario," he added.

Mr. Dibb said that even smaller East Asian countries could afford to buy modern ships, submarines and aircraft armed with missiles.

This trend will accelerate as the U.S. Beitzin. in the same period, Taiwan's fleet expanded to 57 France, Germany and Italy compete with each other, and with Russia and China, for a share of the Incrative Asian arms market."he said.

Bilveer Singh, a senior lecturer in political science at the National University of Singapore, said China already had the third largest submarine fleet in the world and was transforming its surface fleet into a formidable oceangoing navy. Many countries in Southeast Asia fear that China

will use its naval, air and amphibious power to enforce its claims to sovereignty over the disputed Spratly Islands and virtually the whole of the South China

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well for the peace and stability of the region," Mr.

> TOKYO - The 40 submarines sold to North Korea by Russia present little threat to the Korean Pen-

"If these submarines are supplied without their weapons, they represent virtually no danger," an Asian diplomat who specializes in North Korea said. "They are old

The diesel-powered submarines, been stripped of their armament and are in such poor condition that they no longer have any military use, according to the Russian

A Western military expert said that the submarines were complete ly out of date. "They have dreadful radar and sonar signatures," which make them easy to track down and

A New York Times article on Thursday said North Korea had embarked on the purchase of 40 submarines, via a small Japanese firm, Toen Trading Company, in a deal estimated to be worth \$8 million, It quoted American officials as speculating that the deal had

Georgian Leader in France

Resters PARIS - President Eduard A. Shevardnadze of Georgia arrived in France on Thursday for a two-day treaty of friendship and coopers-

been concluded between free-lancing North Korean and Russian mil-

itary chiefs. The sale caused nervousness in South Korea, whose Foreign Ministry has expressed concern to Moscow that the submarines could be used for "something other than Around Asia

ASIAN TOPICS

Rickshaw Goes Back To Drawing Board

It is time, Indian government engineers say, to design a better cycle rickshaw. The Washington Post reports from New Delhi. Today's human-powered vehicles are unstable, unsafe and uncomfortable. They are heavy and difficult to pedal, with a poor center of gravity that makes it too easy to tip over and a hard seat that jars the driver when bumping over potholes.

"Plying a cycle rickshaw is real drudgery," said Ashok Raj, one of the amhors of the study by the New Delhi-based Center for Science Technology and Environmental Policy Studies. The design of the cycle rickshaw has evolved in a piecemeal way," with no standa

"Nothing can replace the cy-cle rickshaw," said Dilip Singh, who has been renting rickshaws to drivers for 27 of his 69 years. Just look at this vehicle. It is beautiful. When you sit on it, there's a charm to it, it's differ-

Shera Khan, who pedals a rickshaw to support his six children, does not see the charm.
"All the other vehicles on the road today run on petrol," he said. "My rickshaw runs on my

Leaders of the Philippine House of Represen pressing for a single-chamber ceisiature, on grounds that two

chambers delay vital legislation. Senators call it a move by President Fidel V. Ramos to consolidate power. The Philippines revived its U.S. style Congress in 1987, one year after President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the country. Mr. Marcos had abolished the two-chamber system in 1972, when he declared martial law, and replaced it with a single-chamber Na-tional Assembly.

China's booming southern province of Guangdong has slapped a 3 percent levy, nicknamed a "vulgarity tax," on karaoke clubs, dance halls and pop-music concerts to subsidize symphony orchestras, folklone. groups, stage plays and opera, Xinhua reports.

The sharp string of a flying kite slashed the throat of a passing motorcyclist and killed him. United News of India said. R. C. Sanal, an irrigation engineer, was driving in Orissa state when the fresk accident occurred, United News of India said. In India, war games with kites are a popular sport. Enthusiasts often put paste mixed with glass dust on the string to increase the sharpness and cut the string of rival kites. Some kite-fliers have sliced off their fingers in accidents.

Hosokawa Reform Plan Stays Alive

18-to-16 Vote in Committee Sets Stage for Showdown

By T. R. Reid

Washington Past Service TOKYO — With barely a vote to spare, Prime Minister Motihiro Hosokawa won approval of his political reform plan in a key com tee on Thursday, setting up a final floor vote that could determine Mr. Hosokawa's political future.

If the prime minister can now get his far-reaching legislative package through the full upper house of Japan's Diet, or parliament, he will have fulfilled his primary promise to the voters in last summer's elections, and his coalition government will probably be assured a long life.

If the upper house rejects the plan, Mr. Hosokawa may be forced to dissolve his government and call general election. And this just three weeks before the prime minissummit meeting on trade disputes.

supporters and opponents of the legislative package bargained for every last vote in a contest that seems likely to be decided by a tiny

As several Diet members complained on Thursday, this kind of individualized deal-making with reluctant lawmakers is highly unorthodox in Japan. In a group-oriented society that prefers to settle things by consensus, it is generally considered preferable to negotiate a compron ise that all sides can accept

But so much is at stake in Mr. Hosokawa's big electoral-law package that compromise has proven impossible so far. The last effort to strike a deal between Mr. Hosokawa's coalition government and Wednesday, setting the stage for next week, the tight vote Thursday in the special Political Reform Committee of

The committee was split, 17 to 17, between members affiliated with the coalition government and opposition members. But when the measure came up for committee approval Thursday morning, one member of the chief opposition party stunned both sides by voting in favor of Mr. Hosokawa's package. With that, the bills got out of committee by an 18-to-16 margin. The rebel voter, Tomoyuki Hoshino; said he had broken with his

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own Liberal Democratic Party because it had engaged in stalling tactics that he could not tolerate. With committee approval behind him, Mr. Hosokawa said he wanted a quick floor vote in the upper house. A vote has been tentatively scheduled for Priday afternoon, but further pegotiations on ter is due at the White House for a the opposition broke down late the bills could delay things until

> The reform package was approved by the lower House in No-

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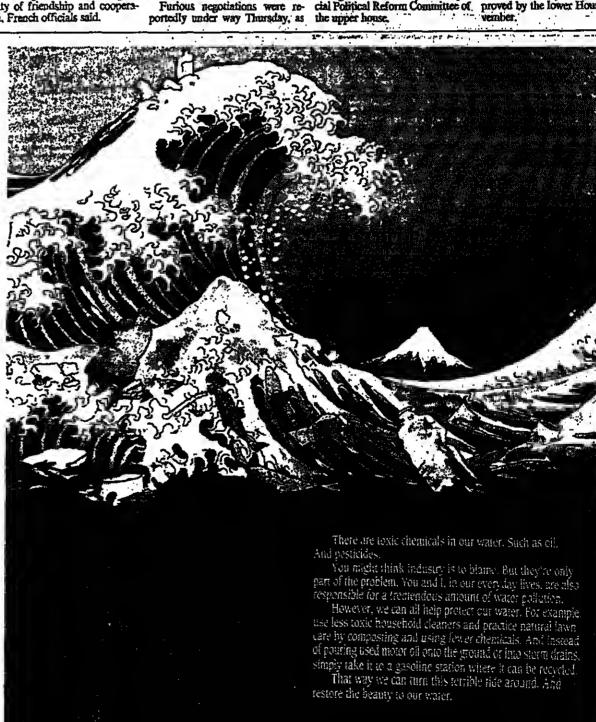
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Nunn Turns Down Defense Job, So the Search Goes On

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By Eric Schmitt

New York Three Service

WASHINGTON — The White House asked Senator Sam Nunn if he would take the job of defense secretary but he refused, administration officials say. Bobby Ray Inman, who was nominated for the post by the president a month ago, formally withdrew as a candidate Tuesday, but White House officials said they were given a hint of the decision last week.

The offer to Mr. Num, President Hill Clinton's chief nemesis on military issues, reveals how urgent the White House feels it is to find a new defense secretary of unquestioned stame with the Pentagon

Mr. Nunn, a conservative Georgia Democrat who heads the Armed Services Committee, led the successful effort to roll back Mr. Clinton's pledge to allow homosexuals in the military in one of the most embar-

nomoscausis in the mintary in one or the most enurar-rassing episodes of the administration's early days. He also has been a leading voice warning that the administration's proposed military budgets may not fully finance the government's new fighting strategy and could ultimately erode the Pentagon's military

"Just watch — that ain't goma stop me," Mr. Carville replied. "I can get my own table at the Palm and bash Washington from down-

town. Since when does a slight de-

gree of hypocrisy stop me from

doing anything?"
All of Washington, including the
White House, was amazed and befuddled by Mr. Inman's appear-

"It was the political equivalent

of watching a downhill racer," said

a White House official. "We were

Mr. Clinton's advisers were

thunderstruck when they watched

Mr. Inman on Tuesday, seeing what one aide described as "a

Perot-like quality" and "a spook who sees conspiracies everywhere."

Mr. Inman had told the White-House he was going to talk about a "new McCarthyism," and he had been warned that this might stir up a horner's nest. But the White-

House did not order him not to use

that phrase, because officials were

more concerned with persuading

him not to criticize the president

than persuading him not to criticize

the Washington culture.
White House officials felt that

Mr. Inman was blaming the Washington culture for his own mistake in judgment in accepting the job. "He hadn't judged where his own

head was, his wife didn't want him

to do it, there was a lot of stress,

and he just wanted to get out," an

relieved that the Robby Imman they

saw on television was no longer

the Senate, Pentagon officials said. Senate officials also said Mr. Nunn was rejuctant to

give up his independence and become a subordinate to Mr. Clinton.

The idea of offering the job to Mr. Nunn was strongly supported by Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, the White House chief of staff, and David Gergen, a senior White House adviser, as well as other White House aides, administration officials said Wednesday.

A senior White House official said, "You reach out to Sam Nunn for his expertise because he has the most

knowledge of defense issues of anyone in the party." In a brief telephone interview, Mr. Nunn said: "I don't want to talk about the defense thing. I've never been interested.

With Mr. Num out of the picture, the administra-tion is reviewing up to 10 possible candidates, includ-ing William I. Perry, the deputy defense secretary, and Warren B. Rudman, a former Republican senator from New Hampshire. Associates of Mr. Imman's said that he had recommended Mr. Perry.

[Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Thursday fectiveness. that he wanted to remain in his current post and had Mr. Nunn considered the offer but ultimately told not been approached by Mr. Clinton about Pentagon

job, Reuters reported from Beijing. Some press reports had suggested that Mr. Bentsen was being considered.]

Other candidates include Norman R. Augustine, chief executive of Martin Marietta Corp., and John A.

This is a good comfort level with. Mr. Imman had explained on the day he was nominated that he had voted for George Bush and had taken some time to reach a good comfort level with Mr. Clinton. chief executive of Martin Marietta Corp., and John A. Young, a retired head of Hewlett-Packard Co.

■ The 3d Time Around

Ann Devroy and Barton Gellman of The Washington Post reported from Washington:
President Clinton opened his second year in office

Thursday the same way he began his first: missing a senior cabinet officer after an embarrassing flap and deep into a search for a quick replacement. Administration officials said Mr. Clinton had not

interviewed any candidates for what will be his third choice for secretary of defense.

The withdrawal of Bobby Ray Inman as the nominee to replace Les Aspin has resurrected the original candidate list, officials said. One official said of that list: "We really have one. The problem is, people keep adding to it, or taking names off of it. We are not that

Another official noted, in a swipe at Mr. Imman.

This time, the president is going to select someone be

Mr. McLarry is beading the selection process, with Vice President Al Gore playing a major role, as he did in the selection of Mr. Inman. Despite advance notice that Mr. Inman was withdrawing, officials said the informal gathering together of names just began this past weekend and the formal sorting only this week. But that does not preclude an announcement by the end of the week, officials said.

Some senior Pentagon officials said that Mr. Inman's withdrawal actually simplified their task in the short run. Much of the senior Pentagon administration, and its counterparts in the military services, is absorbed in preparation of the fiscal 1995 federal

"We put together a budget under Aspin's priori-ties," an official said, "If anything, we have less of a change than if Inmar, had come in in the middle."

Pentagon planners are now assuming that Mr. Aspin will remain in office long enough to defend the budget in Congress.

RATES: Europe Debates Anew

who believe in easing monetary policy to spur growth. The German central bank, worried that precipitate moves on rates could weaken jump in the money supply, has in turn been irritated by its critics.

In Paris, several business execu-French rate cuts, given an inflation rate that is 2 percent and heading toward zero and money-supply growth that was below its target last year. But the newly indepen-dent Bank of France, which will meet next week to discuss rates, is expected to continue supporting the strong-franc policy, reflecting the French central bank's fear that cutting rates ahead of the Bundesbank could weaken its own currency and damage its credibility in the

returned to the narrow band within which it fluctuated against the mark before the breakdown last mechanism, should be strong enough to withstand a unilateral cut in French interest rates.

Brendan Brown, chief economist at Mitsubishi Finance in London, said the interest-rate debate now was similar to the one that took place last summer, ahead of the currency crisis.

They've frittered away the last six months, lighting a rear-guard action to keep the frane strong and recomp losses of reserves from last summer's crisis," he said, "The eco-nomic cost of that policy is probably going to be delayed recovery for said, adding that corporate clients

in both France and Germany, the speed with which interest rates come down could have important political implications as well: Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, faces a tough re-election campaign this year, in large part because of the poor state of the economy; and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, who is positioning himself for a bid for the French presidency in 1995, will want to take credit for an economic recovery by year-end.

French officials said interest rates were discussed Wednesday during a ministerial meeting called

Continued from Page I economy would grow 1.4 percent this year, well above the private sector's current consensus forecast of 0.5 percent to 1.0 percent.

On Thursday, Edmond Alphandery, the French sinance minister, the Deutsche mark and cause a said that interest rates would fall throughout Europe this year and that this would contribute to a French economic recovery. But he tives said there was ample room for sought carefully to avoid saying anything that could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the Bank of France. In a conversation, Mr. Alphandery limited himself to remarking, "When the franc is stable, this is a good condition for a downward trend in interest rates.

Since Mr. Balladur took office in March 1993, France's three-month interest rate has declined from 11.19 percent to 6.21 percent. But the German three-month rate is still lower, at 5.81 percent.

Ernest-Antoine Sellière, vice foreign exchange market.
"The big question," said a knowledgeable banking source tederation, in an interview called who did not want to be identified. on the new monetary policy council "is, will the Bank of France have of the Bank of France to "show a little courage" and "take action as the guis to bring down rates with-out first waiting for the Bundes-bank?" He and others interviewed that around 60 percent of French contended that the franc, which has corporate debt is short-term and is largely held by smaller companies that are struggling to survive. Lucien Rebuffel, head of the

summer of the exchange-rate small-business federation said his organization had told Mr. Balladur of what it said was a need to cut rates and to provide subsidized credit lines from the Treasury.

Economists such as Robin Marshall at Chase Manhattan Bank in London contend that the franc is stable enough to justify rapid cuts. Yet, he said, the Bundesbank and the Bank of France might even be prepared "to run the risk of a double-dip recession" because of ex-

change-rate considerations.

"This is becoming a Europe-wide problem again," Mr. Marshall across Europe were fearful that the Bundeshank "has gone on hold

The issue of cutting French and German rates has implications that stretch across Europe. Italy and Spain each sell roughly 40 percent of their exports to Germany and France and are hurt by recession in these markets.

The British economy, meanwhile, has benefited from sharp rate cuts made since the pound left the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992. The Bank of Endropped from 10 percent to 5.5



part of their team, they were hop-

French Boy Held In Rail Accident Agence France-Presse

Even though Clinton aides were ing Bob Dole than if it had hap-

CREJL, France - A 16-year-old boy has been charged with causing a train crash in which four people were killed and four seriously injured, the police said Thursday.

The boy, whose name was not released, admitted placing a heavy piece of metal on the track at Saint-Leu-d'Esseren, about 50 kilometers north of Paris, on his way to school. It caused a local train to derail, throwing its locomotive into the path of an oncoming train. Four people, including three of the boy's schoolmates, were killed.

The police said that the boy put the metal on the track "to see what would happen," and that he ex-pressed remorse over the accident.

Kohl-Clinton Summit Is Set

Agence France-Presse BONN - Chancellor Heimut Kohl is to visit Washington on Jan. 30 and 31 for talks with President Bill Clinton, a government spokes-man announced Thursday.

Woman Joins The Ranks at Military School

not too much.

the historian said. ..

vic down the pike."

James Pinkerton, a Republican

who worked in the Bush White House, agreed: "I'm a lot happier

that this guy broke down confront-

CHARLESTON, South Carolina - Shannon Faulk-ner on Thursday became the first woman to attend classes at The Citadel after the 151year-old military college lost an appeal to keep her out.

Ms. Fankner, 19, was greeted by the school's dean, Clifton Poole, who told her. "Let's go get an education." Ms. Faulkner said that after

her first class, a cadet came over and said a few words. "He asked me how things were going and he wanted to let me know that not everyone here was against me," she said.

She sucd the state-supported college last year, charging that the all-male admissions policy was unconstitutional. A federal judge ruled she could attend classes, but not live in the barracks, while the lawsuit

COLD: Penetrating Arctic Blast Has Americans Spinning Their Wheels OLD: Europe Frets Over Pensions

General Aidid or Slobodan Milose- to use kitty litter on icy sidewalks, bow to save a computer from power surges when the blackout

ends. In short, how to survive. The least comforting explanation is this: ridge of high pressure on the West Coast is forcing Pacific winds north, across the polar region. The frigid air then blasts into the East and Midwest. Good to know. Alaska is relative-

The United States is not Canada, where win-momentum up an icy hill? They don't know

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"That is for the president to decide." Mr. Bentsen said, after a day that included talks

with President Jiang Zemin and Deputy Prime

Minister Zhu Rougi, who is also governor of the

Mr. Bentsen said Mr. Zhu promised that

Beijing would intensify its efforts to enforce

copyright laws, and in particular work to end

the widespread practice here of pirating American compact disks. On Friday, the Treasury

secretary will preside over the reactivation of

the China-United States Joint Economic Com-

mittee, a forum the two countries have used to

iron out economic differences but which has

been shut down since the crackdown on democ-

Mr. Bentsen said the prison labor issue was

was "one of the more significant" of the de-

mands laid down by Mr. Clinton in his execu-

at the lowest possible tariffs.

central bank.

racy activists in 1989.

ter, it seems, is a way of life and children go to how. They think they do. But they don't. They school even if it's minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit peer in eavy at the four-wheel-drive Jeep across (minus 29 centigrade). Americans, by and large, are not used to this kind of hard freeze unless they call places like Buffalo, New York, and

Duluth, Minnesous, home. Americans are victims, too, of their addiction to the automobile. South of New York, the vast majority of East Coast residents are reduced to children in the wilderness when it comes to winter driving. Locks are frozen. Rear-wheel ly warm. But when will it end? Next week.

CHINA: On Prison Labor Issue, Beijing Agrees to Allow U.S. Inspections

and trade before he would renew China's trade

U.S. customs officials and diplomats have

held negotiations on the issue with the Chinese

In 1992, the Bush administration and China reached an agreement that allowed for U.S.

inspectors to visit Chinese prisons suspected of

producing products for export to the American

market. Last spring, the Chinese allowed U.S.

customs officers to visit two Chinese prisons.

after much haggling. But further access was

Last fall, the two countries began talks here

to revive the agreement and bring Beijing back

The new agreement calls for China to give

regular and timely reports when the United

States asks for information about the possible

use of prisoners at a specific prison that might

be suspected of making products for export.

the street.

The people who drive the plows are stuck. too, because they simply cannot plow ice this thick. Salt alone won't melt it. So sand is flying right and left.

Today, the New York City subways look awfully good. If you can get to them.

But the one silver lining is this: The daily crime rate has plummeted.

accord, the Red Star tea farm on China's south-

inspector.

ern coast, was visited Thursday by a customs

said. "But the crux of the matter is whether we

can continue this level of compliance up to the

time when the president makes his decision in

But speaking of the trade status issue in general, Mr. Roy cautioned: "Nothing is done

yet. We are not prejudging the president's deci-sion halfway through the process."

The International Committee of the Red

Cross said Thursday that it had completed a

first round of "positive" talks with the Chinese

government on possible visits to poblical pris-

oners. Agence France-Presse reported from

This first structured meeting should allow

us to go farther with the talks," said Jean-Michel Monod, a Red Cross official. "We have

begun to identify the points where we agree and

Talks on Prisoner Visits

We are pleased where we stand," Mr. Roy

Continued from Page 1 Balladur has toughened immigra-

rural regions to cramped urban arcas where multiple children create

able to compensate by drawing in large numbers of young workers performed dirty and dangerous of carrying out the more restrictive jobs that white Europeans dis-

Social researchers say that what is often overlooked in the rush to close doors to foreigners, in response to unemployment is that payroll contributions of working source of funding for the pensions and health care of the nauve-born.

"Governments across Europe have been talking about the need to keep foreigners out, but they did not see beyond a political response to the rise of the far right," said Patrick Weil, an immigration specialist at a leading French research

Now, he said. Germany and France are starting to acknowledge that they will need hundreds of thousands of new immigrants in coming years to pay the pensions of their additional elderly citizens.

As unemployment bas soared to record levels in Western Europe. immierants often bave been

The conservative French govern- of taxes and pension fund contri-ment of Prime Minister Edouard hutions.

tion rules and vowed to step up as well with a population shift from deportations of undocumented aliens.

"When we have sent home sever Until recently, Europe has been al planeloads, even boatloads and trainloads, the world will get the message," said Charles Pasqua, from Turkey and North Africa who who as interior minister is in charge our frontier."

Nonetheless, Mr. Pasqua has modified an earlier statement that France must move toward "zero immigration," declaring that up to payroll contributions of working 100,000 foreign workers a year will immigrants are an important be needed to fill jobs French workers are angualified or unwilling to

> In addition, France has enacted new retirement laws that will stretch out the number of years the postwar generation will bave to work to benefit from a pension system that is considered one of the most generous in the world.

In Germany, politicians are recognizing that the country will require substantial contributions from non-German employees to sustain expensive pension and welfare programs. Hans Ulrich Klose. a spokesman for the opposition Social Democrats, said 2 million foreigners were responsible for 10 percent of the national output and furnish an even greater proportion

The U.S. ambassador to China, J. Stapleton tive order last June that stipulated the conditions the president wanted met on human rights Roy, said one of the five sites mentioned in the

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a market economy. Mr. Yeltsin was also said to be rehictant to name any new official, such as a new central bank chairman or prime minister, who would have to be confirmed by the new parliament, which is dominated by a loose Communist and ultranationalist opposition.

As widely predicted, Alexander N. Shokhin, a centrist economist who broke with Mr. Gaidar and called for slower reforms and more

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RUSSIA: Reformers Are Shut Out of Yeltsin's New Conservative Cabinet protectionism during the literature campaign, as named econom

But the most telling sign of the government's direction was the list of the most senior officials. The first deputy prime minimizer, Oleg N. Soskovets, 44, spent his life in metallurgy, rising from a Kazakhstan factory to run the national Committee for Metallurgy before Mr. Chernomyrdin named him a first deputy prime minister in April. At that time there were four first deputy prime ministers, but Mr. Soskovets is the only one in the new government.

The three deputy prime ministers in the new government include Alexander K. Zaveryukha, a socialist who runs agriculture and has de-manded much higher farming subsidies, and Yuri F. Yarov, 52, a chemical engineer who

worked his way from a job as a locksmith's apprentice to the head of his city's Communist Party Committee in 1976. He became a parliamentary deputy and deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet before jumping to Mr. Cherno-myrdin's side in December 1992.

China to export products to the United States status. American law prohibits importanton of

prison-made goods.

into compliance.

Mr. Fyodorov's departure leaves only one well-known reformer of the Gaidar school, Privatization Minister Anatoli B. Chubais, who retains his rank of deputy prime minister, in a prominent position.

Mr. Chubais has said that the privatization

program is too important to abandon at its final tages, a position supported by Mr. Gaidar. Mr. Fyodorov said Thursday night: "Chubais, who remains, will try to avert catastrophe, but the simation will worsen."

KIEV — The Ukrainian parlia-ment denounced President Leonid M. Kravcbuk on Thursday over nuclear arms and Russian nationalism in Crimez

Deputies accused Mr. Kravehak of betraying national interests by signing an agreement with the pres idents of Russia and the United States to give up Ukraine's nuclear weapons. Some called for his impeachment, others for a referendum on the accord.

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Ukraine Deputies Accuse Kravchuk of Betrayal ing to ban a presidential election in the floor to denounce Mr. Krav-Ukraine's autonomous Crimean chuk, who was not present, over a that the START-t arms reduction

> In the end, the parliament simply exchange for security guarantees referred the disarmament pact to a and about \$1 billion in aid. commission to determine whether it contradicted conditions imposed about the trilateral statement," said on disarmament by parliament in Serhiy Holovaty, a legal expert.

Deputies also amended the constitution to allow Mr. Kravchuk to the question of impeaching the overrule acts by Crimean authorities violating Ukrainian law.

Radicals and nationalists took tire nation.

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Peninsula, which a Russian nation-alist is poised to win. pact under which Ukraine prom-ised to give up nuclear arms in

"We must have a referendum

Mykhailo Shvaiko, from Western Ukraine, said. "We must raise constitution and humiliated the en-

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treaty applied to only 42 percent of the 1,600 nuclear warheads in Ukraine. Yuri Kostenko, the head of a commission examining the accord, told journalists it did not comply with parliament's demands and

predicted it would be rejected. A Russian nationalist. Yuri in a Jan. 30 runoff.

Meshkov, easily won the first round of the Crimean election on Sunday and is expected to do well

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The Next Secretary

There is no point in piling on. By withdrawing as nominee for secretary of defense, Bobby Ray Inman wrote a sad, puzzling end to a useful career in the navy and the intelligence agencies. There was no politician or commentator so contrarian as to believe his improbahle parting charge of a conspiracy between Senator Robert Dole and our colleague, the columnist William Safire.

Mr. Inman and his critics are today experiencing a shared sense of release that he will not be in charge of the Pentagon. Strain had lingered from the day be appeared in the Rose Garden with Bill Clinton and asserted that he had had a hard time finding a "comfort level" with his new boss as commander in chief. His talk about his vote for George Bush and his need to be reassured about President Clinton was a jarring assertion of independence that lowered the comfort level of many observers.

and should also have lowered the president's. The temptation for Mr. Clinton will be to rush toward an easily confirmable secretary who will be popular with the officer corps, defense intellectuals and weapons builders. But Mr. Clinton and the country need a secretary of defense who can both command respect and make the Pentagon uncomfortable with its old habits. That means being uncomfortable with discrimination, with wasteful weapons whose purpose disappeared with the Soviet Union, and with procurement practices that fail to make the best use of scarce resources. The new secretary must have minimal tolerance for strategies that do not address tomorrow's dangers and its opportunities in arms cootrol, peacekeeping and transforming East bloc militaries. That will take a nominee of staying power and judgment.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Overzealous but Useful

Instactly, the report from Lawrence Walsh, the Iran-contra counsel, became another log on the fire of controversy that raged during the seven years of his investigation of the Reagan administration's greatest embarrassment. The summary is certainly flawed by Mr. Walsh's readiness to characterize as crimes alleged acts by officials who were not tried or convicted of them. But there is value in his depiction of a major episode in which the American government moved out from under the control of law.

Mr. Walsh's impatience and anger are evident in this report. What seemed to stir him most was President George Bush's pardon of Caspar Weinberger, defense secretary under Mr. Reagan, which he believed prevented the independent counsel from going after Mr. Bush, who was vice president during the Irancontra affair, and others. Resistance to his prosecutorial exertions drove him from dog-gedness to zealotry, for which he was then criticized by the resisters, but oot only by them. For he became an Ahab-like figure who drew a distracting spotlight to his own conduct rather than to the conduct of his prey,

Nevertheless, Iran-contra was not simply an instance of political combat between a Republican White House and a Democratic Congress. Nor was it just a battle over policy

on the then inflammatory issues of reclaiming American hostages in Iran and, especially, supporting the contras in Nicaragua. In its most significant aspects, what came to be known as Iran-contra was an affront to constitutional government.

Blocked by law, parts of the Reagan admin-istration secretly and systematically violated the law and then attempted to conceal the traces. The dispute continues over just who in the administration's highest reaches did what and knew what. But it is fact, not speculation, that four officials were convicted and seven others pleaded guilty to the charges as brought; some of these had their convictions overturned on grounds that their testimony before Con-

gress might have been used against them.

It has to be understood that Mr. Walsh overreached his mandate to investigate Irancontra and to prosecute if necessary and to give a full account of the affair. But it is also necessary to note that be added to public knowledge of an episode of rogue government and in that way usefully raised the deterrent to future abuses of this kind. Notwithstanding his excesses, the 82-year-old Mr. Walsh, a lifelong Republican and a former federal judge, performed a service vindicating the appointment of a special prosecutor.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

In Post-Breakup Debris, Nukes Are Just the Start By Flora Lewis

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COMPLETE TUNE-UP

WE BETTER CALL A LAWYER

K IEV — One way or another, both President Leonid Kravchuk and local and foreign observers here are confident that Ukraine will carry out the agreement to get rid of its nuclear weapons that was signed with Presidents Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin in Moscow last week.

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But it won't be easy. People here are convinced that Ukraine got a bad deal and that Washington was outplayed by Moscow in a negotiation they know little about, don't basically understand, and consider above all a demonstration of their weakness and helplessness in dealing with Russia.
"Clinton was made into just a messenger boy for
the Russians," a Ukrainian journalist said.
In an interview, Mr. Kravchuk avoided saying
clearly whether he will submit the agreement to the

current, fractions, angry parliament, wait until a new one is elected in March, or just barge ahead on his own. He has the power to do that, and he does seem to understand as almost no one else here does how important dismantling the ouclear missiles is to Ukraine's difficult future and its relations with

the United States and Europe.

He denies that there were any secret clauses, contradicting what Mr. Clinton's entourage said in Moscow. That seems to be right. The secrets are not about security or economic commitments, but technical details about how the warheads are made and their plutonium content. Since Russia will retain the same kind of weapons, it obviously does not want those details revealed. That is understandable, and it is a shame that the White House has oot made it clear, since the talk of "secret clauses" has created all kinds of suspicions. It is a part of the whole messy issue, which was

alliance, have even renamed them-

selves, much as the Communists of

Eastern Europe did after the fall of

The parallel is apt. For a half-

stood at the core of one of the

century, the Christian Democratic

Cold War's most successful political

systems, one engineered by Washing-ton and its allies to keep Italy's strong Communist Party at bay. Over time, Christian Democrats rivaled Com-

munist regimes to the east in terms of

their monumental corruption and the

longevity of their ruling class.
In the wreckage of the system,

some Italians oow refer to seven-time Prime Minister Giulio An-

dreotti as their Erich Honecker.

Once an all-powerful political fix-

investigation for ties to the Mafia.

ture, Mr. Andreotti is oow under

The Christian Democrats an-

chored Italy to a political middle ground with a mix of Italian tradi-

the Berlin Wall.

allowed to get far more complicated and feverish than was necessary through obsession with secrecy and lack of clear explanation. Mr. Krawchuk never consulted or informed his main rival, Ivan Plyushch, chairman of the parliament and described as "by far

the most powerful politician" in the country.

Some of the parallels with Russia are disturbing The elections are not likely to resolve anything but are expected to produce an even more difficult, indecisive legislature. As of now, nobody sees an alternative to Mr. Kravchuk, but, like Mr. Yeltsin, he is waffling on reforms which have barely begun,

while the country sinks in hyperinflation. "We don't have a Zhirinovsky here," an editor told me. "Ukrainians are conservative, tolerant, patient," he claimed. But neither do they have much in the way of constructive, reform-minded democrats. The democrats tend to be the most ardent, populist nationalists — and "national-ities," which is primarily a reference to the 12 million ethnic Russians in the total population of

53 million, is a big issue. Mr. Kravchuk said his talks with Mr. Clinton here and in Moscow were almost entirely about economics. While he does not claim he got big promises, he has big expectations, and disappoint-ment seems inevitable. The economy, which can deteriorate a lot more before there is a chance of turning it around, seriously aggravates all the other troubles, so the outlook is gloomy.

One major reason the Ukrainians are so reluctant to give up the nuclear missiles they don't

control and can't think of using is that they feel it is the only reason the West has paid any attention to them. When the weapons are gone, they feel they will be left to wallow in their plight with little choice but to "crawl back to Moscow," in Vladimin Zhirinovsky's words.

It is partly their own fault. There has not been much real change here. Mr. Kravchuk is a stolid, old-style apparatchik, camious and crafty, although he has learned a goot bit about dealing with West-erners. And it is partly the fault of the "Russia first" policy that Washington is perceived to have im-posed without much understanding or reflection. However welcome it was to the West, the Soviet breakup has created many more headaches than is even yet understood, and they cannot be ignored without serious risk to Europe. Bosnia has magni-fied that risk, because it signals Western unwillingness to help keep the peace and insist on a balance.

It is wrong to put fear of strengthening Russia. lest it lead to restoration of an oppressive empire, ahead of efforts to support its democratic transformation. But it is also wrong to neglect Eastern Europe and Soviet successor states like Ukraine, to the point where they feel abandoned by the West they want to join, for fear of offending Russia.

It cannot be an either/or choice if there is to be a chance of a healthy Europe, President Cinton tried to redress the perception during his trip, but it will take a much clearer U.S. policy supporting cooperative relations among Russia and its exdependents to avoid the twin traps. The nuclear missiles were just the first obstacle with Ukraine. Now the hard part begins.

O Flora Lewis:

A New Look At GATT's 'Triumph'

By Roy Denman

BRUSSELS — The deal on the Uruguay Round reached in Geneva last month was presented to the world as a great triumph, marred only by France hijacking the negotiations at the last moment and injecting a huge dose of protectionism. Was the deal really a triumph? Did the French really hijack the negotiations? And will the deal stick?

The answer to the first question is an unhesitating yes. The agreement was a turning point not only in world

trade but in world politics. The choice facing the world was stark and simple: to continue on the path followed since 1947 — the establishment and steady improvement of world trade rules, and successive negotiations to reduce trade barriers; or to return to the 1930s' politics of trade wars and escalating protection-ism. The first path, followed over ism. The inst path, followed over nearly half a century, led to an in-crease in the volume of world exports by a factor of 12 and the greatest increase in prosperity ever. The sec-ond brought such misery and unem-ployment that the Germans voted Hitter into power.

Last month's achievement is remarkable for several reasons. The Urumusy Round settlement is wider in scope than any of its predecessors. The tariff cuts are deeper, agriculture and nontariff barriers are tackled more comprehensively; and for the first time rules for trade in services, a sector that counts for a fifth of world

trade, have been agreed.

This very breadth made the negotiation almost unmanageable. The timing had gone wrong in 1992, so that an outline deal was left twisting in the wind through not only an American but a French election. Amid widespread economic malaise, the intellec-tual and political support for trade liberalization had begun to erode. Why did the French have so much

to say? They always have. In 1967, at the end of the Kennedy Round of talks, Jean Rey of the EC Commission had to face down Charles de Gaulle. The end of the Tokyo Round in 1979 was marked by a battle royal between the Commission and the French. Last year, the provisional Blair House agreement on agriculture became a football in the French elections. But in . no case were the French trying to wreck the negotiations, from which

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they were to benefit handsomely. Free trade feature less in their history than in the case of their northern neighbors. But mainly the French were simply defending their corner. They are better at this than anyone else. They have the finest educational system in the world, and a tradition of the best and the brightest entering

government service.

They also operate in what is largely a vacuum. The British are in the doghouse because of their opposition to anything that remotely resembles European integration. Other countries will fight on points of detail, but in general the French outgun them.

In revenge, most of the Anglo-Saxon press portrays Europe's Common Agricultural Policy as being the worst thing since the Black Death, the European Union as a protectionist monster, the French having horns and tails, the whole of Europe falling respectfully silent (until recently) be-fore the muezzin-like cries of Prime Minister John Major, and the Americans free from any distorting trade practice or subsidies, veritable knights in shining armor. Fantasy is often a comfortable refuge.

Will the deal stick? It first needs to

be completed. And a formidable amount of negotiation remains. The shape, membership and work program of the new World Trade Organization need to be decided. Thousands of tariff positions in the schedules of more than 100 countries need to be fixed. Negotiations need to be continued in areas such as steel, aircraft subsidies and financial services.

And when the deal is completed the U.S. Congress has to approve it. GATT has always been about as pop-GATT has always been about as popular with Congress as a polecat. Congress three out the International Trade Organization in 1947 and part of the Kennedy Round settlement of 1967. This time Congress will be far from keen to yield up the right, under U.S. trade law, for the United States to act world stars by in trade discussion. act unilaterally in trade disputes.

The danger lies in Congress insisting on certain points that would upset the balance of the deal. The Cimton administration is optimistic, reckoning that with its victory on the North American Free Trade Agreement, protectionism took a beating. But there could still be a sting in the tail. As the old saying goes, the opera isn't over until the fat lady sits down. International Herald Tribune.

From the Ice Rink Into the Garbage

By Frank Rich

obsession came from are any-

body's guess. But perhaps Miss

Harding gave the answer to reporters this month: "To be perfectly bonest, what I'm really thinking

Not for the love of sport, not for

the beauty of ice dancing, but for the money: a passport out of pov-city, a liberation from her depen-

dence on an entourage, familial

and otherwise, increasingly domi-

ding's biography, what more at-tractive ideal could she possibly

Miss Kerrigan, Miss Harding dis-covered that her goal was unattain-

able and the contest on which she

had bet her entire life was rigged.

She could win on ice, but she never

won the expected prize, multi-

million-dollar contracts to endorse

products. Goodness as a skater, she

belatedly learned, had nothing to

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As a Madison Avenue commod-

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the extreme edges of the country's political universe. A landscape of po-

The Communist Party, weakened in the 80s and declared dead after the fall of the Berlin Wall, changed its

name to the Democratic Party of the

Left and has emerged as Italy's stron-

gest national force. The fascist party,

long marginalized and small, is mak-

ing a vigorous comeback, particularly in Rome and Naples. The Northern

League, a strong regionalist party, has developed almost out of nowhere,

advocating a tax revolt against the central government and a federal sys-

tem to separate the prosperous north

First Republic after World War II

with political and financial support.

In 1948, Washington intervened with

covert financial support for the Christian Democrats. This effectively ex-

cluded from power the Communists,

who had emerged strong from the war.

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to make me feel sorry for Tonya
Harding. Spod City is the mall
food ontiet where Miss Harding. already 19 and a top figure skater, sold potatoes each afternoon to scrape up cash for her rink fees the

next morning.

Miss Harding will be back there sooo enough — or so goes the best-case scenario — if she avoids legal culpability in the vile conspiracy to maim Nancy Kerrigan. Even if she is innocent of a crime, even if she is allowed to compete in the Winter Games, her career as a star in a fairy-tale sport is over.

A girl from the wrong side of the tracks pursues the wrong dreams, hangs out with the wrong crowd, does wrong, gets punished. It's a familiar 20th century American morality tale, right out of a Theodore Dreiser novel. And maybe the late Mr. Dreiser could have found in Miss Harding's story the glimmer of an American tragedy.

This would-be ice princess molded her career from age 3 out of the thin, frigid air of poverty, rootlessness and domestic violence. The child of a night waitress and her fifth husband, a semi-employed laborer. Miss Harding had lived in eight homes in six communities by age 18. Her mother abused her psychologically, and. Miss Harding said, physically, and so did the man she married after she dropped out of high school, Jeff Gillooly, who was arrested on Wednesday.

How this girl had the will

against these odds to pursue her

skating obsession, and where that

problem that no triple axel could overcome. She was not glamorous. Her costumes recked of polyester. Her choice of skating music was not "Swan Lake" but the theme from "Jurassic Park." She was known for mannish habits: shooting pool, cursing, repairing cars, shooting deer. In an incredibly touching 1986 video, aired on "60 Minutes" last Sunday, Miss Harding, then 15, not yet booked up with Mr. Gillooly.

work ethic would erase that baggage.

I don't mind being the underdog." she said, "because once I skate and do my best, they'll know who I am." But as the exemplary Miss Kerri-

gan won contracts with Campbell's Soup and Reebok, Miss Harding Soup and Keepok, Mass Francing got oo endorsement contracts, even when doing her best. She instead fell into debt to meet her expenses, and slouched toward Spud City.

shared in the power in order to main-tain a national consensus. Despite a

revolving-door succession of prime

ministers, stability was maintained for 45 years. But the end of the Cold-War dissolved the ideological glue of this arrangement, and almost overnight the Francial restors for meintain.

The financial reasons for maintaining a national consensus also disinte-

grated. Demands for fiscal discipline from the new European Union meant

an end to the excessive patronage, tax

evasion, kickbacks and bribes that

made for political contenument but

Cracks in the system allowed a

disaffected group of magistrates in Milan to start prosecuting the exten-sive corruption. The public respond-ed with the kind of enthusiasm asso-

ciated with the circus in ancient

Rome, cheering every revelation of corruption made against formerly untouchable politicians.

The Northern League, the fascists

drained government coffers.

Now the bottom drops out.

"Maybe you can co-host a talk show with G. Gordon Liddy," is the advice offered to Miss Harding this week by Newsweek. A sports advertising consultant summed up her value as a spokeswoman to Richard Sandomir of The New York Times: "She's got asthma and smokes in public. That might not turn on any-body except Philip Morns." And there will always be a place for Miss Harding beside the Texas cheerleader mom on a Howard Stern pay-per-view freak show.

Chatting about the sordid Kerrigan assault on television Sonday morning, the patrician George Will turned up his nose: "It doesn't mean a thing about America or the time in which we live."

Really? As Tonya Harding condemned as white-trash lowlife, is tossed onceremoniously into the garbage, it late in the game she learned that for

her they did not apply.

is worth noting that before she sur-rounded herself with thugs, she played by rules as all-American as Rocky." Imagine, if only for a moment, how she must have felt when

Italy After the Big Bang: New Constellations, Please

turbulence has been the collapse of the country's strongest and most popular party, the Christian Democrats. Remnants of the party, which had been a linchpin of the Western alliance, have even property of the country of the control of the communist and liberalism, parties on the containment within a frontine state in the East-West struggle.

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This polarization is a small parties on the outside of the regime. of view, Italy is abandoning the multiparty system and moving from a proportional voting system to one in which two or maybe three parties will gain seats. Consensus government, formed by back-room dealings among party leaders, will be replaced by winner-take-all government created at the polls.

This change looks good on paper, but it will require a new mind-set for Italians. The main question that tor-ments the public is not about extremism but about the center. The center, with its tradition of patronage, not only has governed for a half-oritury but is deeply a part of the main tradi-tions of the country. Can Italy sur-vive without a central force, or should another one emerge? Can the present extremes, on the right or the left, somehow become centrist? Or can the former, fragmented parties, even the Christian Democrats, regroup? The next round of elections will give

us at least some of the answers.
The big bang has taken place, but the new constellations are not yet formed. The transition may be dangerous. Because of the uncertainties, Italy is experiencing high unemploy-ment, a currency in degeneration, public cynicism and the ever present threat of political and Mafia vio-lence. Italy's experiment is West En-rope's first full-blown transition

from Cold War politics.

It is a revolution, but one carried out in the full light of democracy—and one that cannot be left to sink into chaos and instability.

The writer is Washington correspondent for the Italian newspaper Cornere della Sera. She contributed this com-ment to The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: For Ladies Only

LONDON - Woman came into a further square foot of her rights yesterday [Jan. 20] when another club devoted exclusively to feminine membership was opened. That is the Tea and Shopping Club, 177 Regent-street, inaugurated with the object of providing for the comfort and convemence of ladies. Gentlemen may be admitted as guests, but will not be allowed to penetrate further than the first floor. It will be Admiless Eden above stairs. Some of the rules are a little amusing. No. 17 is aimed at a weakness of which the fair sex is not so characteristically guilty. That no member shall give money or a gratuity to any servent of the club."

1919: A Jewish Exodus?

bor Congress. Many persons now living in New York will be anxious to return to their native lands, so as to help their relatives re-establish their help their relatives re-establish their homes, he says. The re-habilitation of Palestine was discussed. It is the general belief the Jewish Republic will be modeled after the United States, thus safeguarding the reli-gious rights of all the inhabitants.

1944: Novgorod Freed

LONDON — [From our New York edition:] The Red Army, in its new northern offensive, captured yesterday [Jan. 20] the ancient city and enemy stronghold of Novgorod, raised to 44,000 the toll of the enemy in dead and captured and crucked in dead and captured and crushed forward steadily to engulf many scattered Gennan units which now are NEW YORK — A large emigration last night in a communique. Two of Jews from America may be expected in the near future. This is the view may trap 250,000 Germans southeast speaking before the First flewin Last of Leningrad, dispatches said. being destroyed, Moscow announced

In Haiti, Try Again

Sanctions on Haiti having produced oo useful results so far, the United States is oow considering whether to tighten them further. It is a bad idea. There are cases in which trade sanctions and blockades can be effective, but Haiti is not one of them. All the evidence indicates that the sanctions there are hurting the people whom the United States is trying to help and strengthening the military regime that it is trying to dislodge. Reports of real hunger and suffering among Haiti's poor are increasingly audible.

An iron logic now grips policy toward Haiti. Realistically, there are only two choices. The first is to invade Haiti and remove by force the soldiers who mutinied against the elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, more country with great brutality and bloodshed ever since. The other choice is to begin to negotiate with the soldiers. That seems morally repugnant to many of Father Atistide's supporters, but it is better than the alternative.

Haiti has had previous experience with invasion and occupation. The United States sent in a force of marines in 1915 and kept them there for 19 years. No doubt in the 1990s the invading force would be multinational

and would come bearing aid and the most benign purposes. But the historical memories in Haiti are too strong, and the overtones of colonialism would be too pervasive for even the best intentioned of invasions to succeed. It is always difficult for foreign troops to plant the tree of liberty in any country and establish a stable democratic government. It is far more likely that any Haitian politician - Father Aristide, for example - would be destroyed

by dependence on foreign soldiers. If invasion will not work, that leaves negotiations with the soldiers, bloody-handed though they are. President Aristide's aides say that he is now working to broaden his discussions in Haiti's politics. At a Miami meeting last weekend, he rallied a wide range of those go further to deal with the people who are not democrats and who now hold power in Haiti.

He is president of the country and cannot afford to indulge in the luxury of dealing only with his friends. It is quite true that the soldiers ignored their commitments in the previous deal with him, worked out last summer, and that they let it collapse. But conditions are deteriorating in Haiti. It is time to try again. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

A Stick for Pyongyang

Imagine yourself Kim II Sung. If you were sitting in Pyongyang today, would you give up your ouclear program? Especially when the United States is now moving to agree to your offer of highly limited inspections and your long-stated demands that its annual Team Spirit joint military exercises with Scoul be canceled? Would all this make you more or less likely to stray from your present course?

That, unfortunately, is the problem with

the American strategy. Although President Bill Clintoo was initially applauded for taking a tough line, he has done little to back it up. The result is that in the more than 10 months since the North Koreans first anocuoced their intention to withdraw from the Nuclear Nooproliferation Treaty, they have managed to buy time for whatever ouclear program they might be pursuing while having Washingtoo and Seoul dangle ever more carrots their way.

Much now depends on the integrity of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Today the agency is under great pressure 10 agree to the North's offer of limited inspections of the seven suspected sites. What kind of madness would it be for the rest of the world to allow (the North Koreans) to decide what the agency will and will not be permitted to inspect? The sad fact is that the Kims today have no

incentive to give up their nuclear ambitions. Unfortunately, the Clinton administration has done little to create such an incentive, and its weakness elsewhere on the globe, from Bosma to Somalia, is not likely to persuade the Kims otherwise.

In fairness to Mr. Clinton, he has not been helped much by the new Kim Young Sam administration in Seoul, which apparently be-tieves that no policy is better than any policy. But without clear signals from Washington that it has not ruled out a military solution, the Kims have no reason to back down.

- Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong). No Breakthrough in Geneva

Anyone who expected President Bill Clinton's Europeao tour to be crowned with a foreign policy triumph in Geneva will have been disappointed by the lack of results from the Clinton-Assad summit meeting, which merely confirmed the impression that the oew administration has oothing to offer in the way of new inidatives to resolve the

Middle East conflict. Only the United States has the wherewithal to force the Israelis as well as the Arabs to make the concessions that alone can serve the cause of a genuine peace. But that chance was missed in Geneva.

Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).



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With Inman's Sudden Flinch, the Pentagon Dodges a Bullet Just Keep Your Shoes On WASHINGTON — Why did Bob-by Ray Inman, sailing toward

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> given in the therapy session that was press corps, his departing news conference. He cited "rej drive a smooth Washington operator pursue the Whitewater affair.
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> out of a cabinet post? (If he had been If Mr. Inman really believed the confirmed and North Korea said cockamamic notion that I needed

> address questions being drawn up by dence of paranoia, the staff of the Senate Armed Services But I think Mr. I Committee about defense-related that was the old disinformation spebusiness dealings exploiting his cialist in full manipulative mode,

Another: He was rattled by the a newsy concoction. obing by more than one of us into his longtime "source" on the staff of his reason for tossing the smear of the Schate Intelligence Committee, plagiarism at his main tormentor, helping to manipulate unsuspecting Calling a writer a plagiarist is like senators during Mr. Inman's last six calling a spook a mole; the charge,

Conducting the public self-destruc-tion of his reputation, the embittered Deep in Mr. Imman's dossier about admiral invoked the example of Vinme is reference to a lawsuit 35 years friend and former target. Bert Lance, cent Foster—another country boy, in ago, when I was a press agent. One called on Wednesday with his own

Shame on France

to Terrorism" (Jan. 13):

With striking ignominy, France has

released two agents of the Iranian Islam-

ic regime, wanted in Switzerland for the

murder of an opposition figure, to the , government in Tehran. Once again secu-

lar and democratic France, founded on

the rights of man, has yielded to the

an attempt to justify this violation of international law, hides behind the flat

and cynical explanation of "national in-terest." What "national interest" re-

quires that the French Republic stray so

far from its democratic principles?
As an oppositionist exiled in France,

and as a man who values liberty, I can: only react with anger. Shame on France!

Contrary to Mr. Dale's opinion, a large number of Europeans have cheered France's victory over U.S. cul-

violence, not to mention studidity.

the United States.

a lot of the stuff that comes out of:

That's Entertainment?

The prime minister's spokesman, in

blackmail of international terrorism.

By William Safire

else's prose under my byline.

Thus on the offensive during his day

in the spotlight, Mr. Inman almost succeeded in directing attention away

from his true reasons for quitting.

Then be ran into some bard question-ing by Ted Koppel on ABC's "Night-

Asked the source of what be called

reports" of a sinister conspiracy to

do him in, be was unable to answer

coherently; it was plain that the plot

existed only in his mind.

When Mr. Koppel pointed out the hypocrisy of complaining about "Mc-Carthyism" while dredging up a 1950s lawsuit and twisting it falsely into a damaging charge, Mr. Inman caved in completely. Retreating in the face of the facts, be retracted his smear and apologized.

I accept the apology, admiral. My

Regarding "NATO Wastes An Oppor-tunity" (Opinion, Jan. 12):

In discussing the NATO decision not

to include former Soviet-bloc nations, Richard Perle says, "The crucial issue is

whether an alliance created to counter

the threat of a Warsaw Pact invasion of

Western Europe can survive ... now

that the Warsaw Pact is gone."
In fact, the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization predates the Warsaw Pact.

NATO was created in 1949; the Warsaw

Regarding "On Second Thought, Bozo, Just Call Me Mr. Buckley" (Meanwhile,

Quite understandably, William F. Buckley Jr. bemoans the disrespectful

informality and aggressive intimacy of

young people who call everyone by their first names. But then be blithely refers to

Come on now, Bill (cops! Mr. Buckley)

surely the young woman, freckled or

JOAN Z. SHORE

Cap d'Antibes, France.

not, was out of rompers. Surely, even as

an old-fashioned Southern gentleman, you know that this kind of cure conde-

a female receptionist as "a freckled girl."

Sauce for the Gander

St-Nom-La-Breteche, France.

BRAD WRIGHT.

NATO Came First

crumble before the nation's eyes.

and his cover proceeded to

The second secon

casy Senate confirmation as secretary Mr. Inman's self-pitying construct, of defense, suddenly flinch and with-driven to self-destruction not by draw his name? We do not yet know, a guilty conscience but by the mean-but I suspect it was not for the reason sprinted denizens of the Washington conduit between the disputants. To

He cited "reports" - known only to Is one good pop by a columnist, himself—of scandalous collusion. In along with anticipated light flak the supposed conspiracy, Senator Bob about nanny-tax problems, enough to Dole would zap Mr. Inman if I would

Boo!" would the Pentagon have sued some political incentive beyond my for terms?) Thanks, but no pundit normal journalistic lust to follow up last July's columns about Vince One possibility: He did not want to Foster, that would indeed be evi-

But I think Mr. Inman is not crazy; screening his final evasion with

That need for a smokescreen is also once made, lingers. In this case, how-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We in Enrope are perfectly capable of

entertaining ourselves. In fact, we do not

tained, the way Americans do, thank

God. They can't stand the sound of

After 18 years' residence in France, I

have come to the conclusion that French politicians are physically afraid of the

population (I'm not talking here about the healthy respect that elected officials in a democracy should have for their

voters). They sense that if they push things too far, people will take to the

. I am not aware of any other demo-

cratic country in which people can en-

gage in criminal acts (burning livestock trucks or warehouses, blocking freeways

and sirport runways) and get away with

Your front-page photo Jan. 12 of the ciderly woman lying dead by a Sarajevo school points out the true horror — and

From the looks of it, killing in Sarajevo

JOSEPH J. SMALLHOOVER.

- GUENTER KLOEPPER.

Grenoble, France,

streets and dust off the guillotines.

C. E. JOHN.

silence, it seems. Poor things!

Regarding the editorial "Surrendering feel the need to be constantly enter-

ALI KESHTGAR FARKHONDEH. it without any consequences.

Regarding "France Can't Kick Protec-tionist Habit" (Business/Finance Jan. 11) The Banality of Death by Reginald Dale:

tural imperialism (to resort to an over- the banality - of the Bosnian conflict.

used idiom). Most people I know are From the books of it, killing in Sarajevo sick and tired of the trash, filth and no longer clicits even reactions of basic

conspiracy theory: that you and I in national security, and above all a cooked up this contretemps to drum person of character. up lucrative lecture dates.

Because you are no longer a danger to the nation as the prospective secretary of defense, I can turn over the pursuit of the reasons for your suggest that I was ever accused of withdrawal to your personal demons. plagiarism is a lie; at no time in a long career has anyone said I used anyone Even your severest critic hopes you

will get help.
The Pentagon has dodged a bullet:
Bill Clinton is fortunate that his worst nominee came apart in public before be could damage more than the president's judgment about people. The next nominee should be an exemplar

of stability, a civilian experienced

person of character.

Perbaps 1 am mistaken about Mr.
Inman's realistic fears of exposure. Perhaps all it took was a single, factual blast to tip him over into failing the

Let us remember Bobby Ray Inman

Fainthearted Cooks Should Keep Out of the Kitchen

By Ellen Goodman

B oston - Let the see a reason I right Bill Safire, Tony Lewis and I were part of a cabal who set out to min Bobby Ray Inman's daughter's wedding. No. no. no. That isn't it.

We're part and parcel of the "New McCarthyism." A bunch of columnist hitmen, or hitpersons. Character assassins run amok.

There we go. Now I've got it. Bobby Ray Inman's withdrawal of his name from nomination as secretary of defense may well so down as one of the stranger bours in recent political history. It was matched only by his appearance in the Rose Garden last month when he told the world that he bad voted for George Bush and had to teach a "comfort level" with Bill Clinton.

This time, the former admiral said his comfort had been destroyed by columnists' attacks, most notably by Bill Safire of The New York Times, but also by The Times's Tony Lewis and me - quite the political trio. Perhaps Mr. Inman was auditioning for the starring role in "The Prince and the Pea"?

Mr. Inman said be was fed up with "rush-to-judgment distortions of my re-cord, my character and my reputation." And he called Mr. Safire a plagiarist who made a deal with Bob Dole, and the rest of us McCarthyites.

in truth, Mr. Inman was lovingly stroked by the media and all of official Washington. He was seen as the savior. Few of us disagreed. If three columns can raise the heat to the boiling point on his delicate thermostat, he better stay out of the pantry, let alone the kitchen.

The irony is that I have written and worried about the same issues that the departing nomince talked about. There is a rush to judgment in the media. While there have always been harsb attacks on pubbe officials, Vincent Foster's last words about Washington still carry a ring of truth: "Here ruining

Over the past years, we have seen decent people become the hit-and-run vic-

president who honored him. If so, the desense establishment was spared the agony of heing led by a deeply con-flieted man with no grasp of the American system of checks and balances.

for his intermittent good works and his truly spoken political epitaph: . the country is hetter off with me in the private sector."

The New York Times.

OSTON - Let me see if I have this tims of the mass media truck. Their lives have been reduced to one had moment. a single mistake or misjudgment. In an era of Fax Attacks and Instant

Analysis, it happens too fast to get the license plate number. Caricature can be a kind of character assassination. There are a lot of walking wounded.

It is true that sometimes the media are too concerned with personal lives and not enough with the public trust. And it is true that many people who consider public service reconsider what it would mean in terms of public scruiny.

I bave taken some of my colleagues to task for this, especially for the level of "public discourse" that ends up in a food-fight at the television round table. But Mr. Jaman wasn't among those who got the big pie in his face.

In his rambling remarks over the past few days, he was angry at reporters who called to ask if he was gay. He said that he didn't want his membership in the all-male Bohemian Club to become a litmus test. But the only place you read those "attacks" was in the transcript of his own remarks.

"My problem is with the columnist who is afforded the pages of the newspaper and the syndication and the talk shows to carry on attacks with no one responding." he said. Those of us who make our living telling people what we think hear a good deal from those who say what they think of what we think. Unlike Mr. Inman, we stay in the kitchen.

As a columnist you are expected to be opinionated. That doesn't exempt you from being fair. Most of us who are in the business for the long run know that. But fairness is also a matter of, uh, opinion. So yes, there is a point to be made about hit-and-run journalism. But Bob-

by Ray Inman wasn't a victim. He was criticized for his record. Concerns were raised about his qualifications for the joh of making war and making peace dividends. In the end, he was the one who proved that he wasn't up to the job. The Boston Globe.

And a Flashlight Handy

By Carolyn See

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- Usually in an earthquake, I'm down three flights of stairs and out of

the house in world record time. This quake, it didn't seem worth the bother. When it's this powerful, you just lie in bed and look at death (except for the poor man ejected out of his hotel bed and sixth-story window: he got to look at death on the way down). After it stopped, I leaned over to pick

MEANWHILE

up the transistor radio. Yes, we keep one next to the bed just in case. And, downstairs, we store an earth-quake kit and extra drinking water and snacks and white wine.

But the radio was buried under a foot of books and a broken lamp and a smashed telephone.

When I found it and turned it on. I heard familiar voices whispering: "Hel-lo? Hello? Hello? Bob? Bob? Bob? Hello?" I sat on the bed and listened as my husband said, "My arms are wet."

The cup of milk from his side table

was all over him. A man on the radio said, very weakly: "Should we broadcast? Can we broadcast?" In a brave imitation of his public

voice, he gave the station's call letters. It was blacker than the inside of a cow. I made my way to the closet to get shoes, realized that everything had fallen on top of them, and finally found

Shoes are the important thing during a quake because of broken glass. You are supposed to leave a pair by the bed, but even so they would have jumped across the room. No one tells you that, We bad barely spoken, but my busband said dimly. "Do you want

to go down?"
We felt our way downstairs and found the doors to the bouse blocked by upturned furniture. A neighbor rescued us, the sight of his flashlight beam as welcome as the sound of your father's voice when you're in trouble.

We made our way to the garage to get the earthquake kit with its three flashlights; none worked. The neighbor gave us his and we went imo the kitchen. The refrigerator's contents were everywhere. but we found a bottle of club soda -- our throats were dry with terror.

My younger daughter phoned. She runs a borneless shelter in Santa Monica. We've got an emergency plan we're supposed to go into, but I can't reach the

shelter," she explained.
"Does Chris have his shoes on?" I
asked, as I heard her husband, a recent transplant from Chicago, grunt in pain.
"Chris, put on shoes," she said. Neither of us had water or power. The men on the radio couldn't seem to get anyone

"Well, what next?" my daughter

T OPANGA CANYON. California brush fires and last winter's flood? A plague of locusts?

We sat on a couch in the living room and waited for sunrise as aftersbocks

rolled through. I called my older daughter and learned that she bad gone to get ber son out of bed and been thrown across the room. She found ber perfect flashlight, but was trembling with fear and dropped and broke it. The phones were erratic, but I got a call from a former student in the East.

"I just wanted to see if you were all right," he explained. I am not sure we're all right. An earthquake is not like a riot - you cannot

take sides or get indignant.
It isn't like last year's flood, when we watched, horrified but enthralled, as seven houses on my daughter's street slid down a cliff and onto the Pacific Coast Highway.

It has none of the exuberance of a brush fire, where your breath rattles in your chest as you watch the sky turn red and you sprint for your life.

When the sun came up and we found that the bouse was "safe" but that half of our breakable possessions were broken, that admiral came on the radio to say he would not be secretary of defense. The boys on the transistor cut him right off, "He says he doesn't want to do it, so he doesn't have to do it!" they muttered with disgust. All those admirals and other strong men. in an earth-

quake they are ludicrous. A lot of people here are saying that the quake was ennobling. I think it is the sourest of disasters. Nature shakes you cruelly, meanly; it makes it clear that you count for nothing.

And then it makes you clean up

The writer author of the forthcoming "Dreaming: 50 Years of Drugs and Drink in One American Family: "She contribut-ed this comment to The New York Times.

The Other Quake

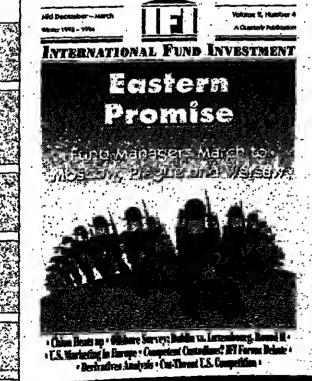
E VEN IN disaster, the fault lines that divide Los Angeles are there for all to see. The recent earthquake thrust Anglo suburbia into an unaccustomed dramatic role: When the shaking stopped, neighbors spilled into the streets, offering each other gallons of water, flashlights, words of reassurance. Normally, the brick walls between their homes are

so high that neighbors rarely speak.

A world away in the Latino barrios. such solidarity is the survival mechanism of daily life. Trained for disaster by war and poverty in their native countries, residents see tragedy as inevitable. The old L.A., the suburbanites, have

something to learn from this new LA. -- Ruben Martinez of the Pacific News Service, in The New York Times.

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France's 'Eurotrash': Cross-Channel Humor

By Alexander Lobrano

ARIS - Though it may sound like a fantasy of the audiovisually vigilant French Ministry of Culture, "Eurotrash," a French-produced television series, achieved near cult status on Britain's Channel Four in the space of only six shows last autumn and will start a much longer run in April

A fast-paced, London broadcast entertainment newsmagazine, "Eurotrash" is hosted by two English-speaking French-men — the media star Antoine de Caunes and the bad-boy fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier - who have seduced the British into accepting their European iden-tity by showing them the lustier, livelier and sometimes more lurid side of contemporary European culture and who have also proven that the French actually do have a sense of humor by making wicked fun of their Brit-

Ironically, however, the cultural thread that "Eurotrash" finds unifying young Europeans — Spanish, Dutch, Belgian and German television stations are planning to pick up the series, too — is not high art but a love of bad taste. "'Eurotrash' is kitsch."



Antoine de Caunes, left, and Jean-Paul Gaultier, hosts of "Eurotrash."

says Peter Stuart, 33, the show's Parisbased producer and director. "In the United States, it would cover something like a musical based on the television series The Brady Bunch,' but because this is Europe we do stories on La Genny, the French nndist golf resort. It's high-brow, low-brow Lowenbrau, with lots of sex and glamour but also with some seriousness — within this format we can interest people in a

■ Well, it's nearly February, which is Canine Dental Health Month in the United States and here, from a barking press release, is an explanation of dog halitosis by Dr. Dan Christian, who works for the pet food company sponsoring the event: "The major cause of bad breath in dogs is periodontal disease." So get the dog some floss.

subject like the late French singer Serge Gainsbourg, which they'd find dull if it was presented in the style of traditional European arts programming."

Stuart says that the real key to the popularity of "Eurotrash" - the show was drawing two million viewers, roughly a 20-percent audience share for Channel 4, which considers 11 percent to be an excellent perforis the "classic Laurel and Hardy team of de Caunes and Gaultier. They're the heart and soul of the show."

Suave, hip, quick with a well-honed aside and partial to dark Kenzo suits, de Caunes, 40, was already well-known to the key 15-to-35-year-old British viewing audience as the presenter of "Rapido," an irreverent weekly pop-music program, while friendly, seeming ly guileless and often grinning Gaultier, 40, with his signature bleached-blond crew cut and short plaid kilts of his own design, had name recognition for the avant-garde fash-ion that has attracted customers like Madonna. The show marked Gaultier's broadcast-

The sweet-and-sour duo begin each 40minute segment with an arch exchange of heavily French-accented English banter heavily French-accented English banter about the clips to follow, broken up by double entendres and good-natured jabs at British pride and sense of superiority to anything Continental. During one sequence, for example, de Caunes says, "We just want to remind you that you are a very silly and insignificant country," and Gaultier pitches in, "Nobody cares about you. You are just a sad little island with bad food that we see

only when we fly to New York."

Surprisingly, British audiences are eating up this abuse. "Eurotrash" is a celebration of failure and being silly, which is very Britsh, and they can accept the insults because de Caunes and Gaultier are vulnerable themselves - foreign and not totally in command of the language — and also because Britain has a very sadomasochistic culture. They love the flawed and odd and failed," Stuart

Each show is composed of an introduction and six or seven stories, running from 45 seconds to four and a half minutes, that propose, as de Caunes explains "to take an exciting look at a boring old place" — Europe — "and also to give you Brits a chance to laugh at us, as we've been doing for years

A typical show may include an item on a Belgian restaurant whose specialty is braised rat; a Dutch company, "Weed Express," that is the first European home-delivery service for marijuana; and a look at the Miss Tran-sex 1993 competition, a beauty pageant for transsexuals beld in Lucca, Italy.

Stuart, an American, conceived the series for Rapido Television, a small French production company that has made its niche by transmitting European and especially French culture to the British.

Channel Four, an alternative arts-based London channel, was skeptical about "Eurotrash," but in what must be considered one of the more peculiar victories for European unity, it was pleased to be proven wrong. Even the French as it turns out, are eager for a taste of "Eurotrash," with the result that a special 50-minute French version of the

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Visit to Lillehammer, Just Before the Rush

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

ILLEHAMMER, Norway — In the winter the sun hangs dully just above the southern horizon, casting a strangely oblique light over Lillehammer and the frozen surface of Lake Mjosa. At first glance it is a landscape of almost picture-book alpine familiarity, the neat terraces of pastel wooden buildings prettily cupped by a bowl of snow-covered hills rising steeply from the shore. But it is the brittle, daylong twilight that lends such a different quality to the scene, giving queer angles to the shadows and washing the south-facing mountain slopes with a kind of bluish luminescence that reminds you, after all, that this is not Switzerland, but central Norway, just 380 miles (about 600 kilometers) short of the Arctic Circle.

The special attraction of Lillehammer's subarctic twilight has not escaped the organizers of the XXVII Winter Olympiad, which opens here next month; they have timed the opening ceremonies — at 4 P. M. local time on Feb. 12—to coincide with the peak moments of the sunset, as viewed from the new Lysgardsbakkene ski jumping arena, in the hills nearly 1,000 feet (300 meters) above the town. From there, television cameras at the event will sweep south, over Lillehammer and the lake and the southern horizon, which, if the day is cold and clear, should be aglow in its peculiar gauzy light.

Television technicians are not the first to want to take advantage of Lillehammer's northern light. For more than a century, some of Norway's most famous artists and painters, names like Edvard Munch and Einar Sandberg, were drawn to Lillehammer too. In the center of town, in a year-old wood-and-glass building that the local townspeople call the Grand Piano because of its gently curving facade, the Lillehammer Art Museum is filled with their work, room after room of landscapes and country por-

Next month more than 100,000 people a day will flood into this remote nordic resort of 23,000 people, two and a half hours by car north of Oslo. But if you are looking for hotel accommodations for the Olympics in Lillehammer, you're too late. All the rooms in town were booked well in advance. As of early January, however, there were still rooms available in Oslo, where Olympic or-ganizers have laid on an ambitious nightly schedule of special events for the period of the games, including concerts, ballet and theater. There will be frequent trains from Oslo to Lillehamm

About 250,000 of the 1.5 million tickets for the games were still available in early January, although many events, such as the figure skating competitions, men's speed skating and the opening and closing ceremo-nies, are sold out. From now through the games, people coming from abroad may buy tickets directly at a ticket office in central Lillehammer, or place telephone bookings by calling Billett '94 in Lillehammer, (47) 61-07-12-12. Prices range from about \$13 to \$110, calculated at 7.5 Norwegian kroner to the dollar. Among the events for which tickets are still widely available: ice hockey (selected games); bobsled and luge qualifying rounds, and alpine skiing, including the women's downhill final.

HILE many of the events will center on Lillehammer and its nearby mountain plateaus, others are widely dispersed across Norway's rugged inland. To the north is the little town of Ringebu, 31 miles up the steep Gudbrandsdalen Valley, and the site of both the men's and women's downhill races. Thirty-six miles to the south, on the way up from Oslo, is Hamar, where the speed and figure skating competitions will take place along-side Lake Mjosa, in a spectacular new arena that resembles the overturned hull of a Vitrial town of Gjovik, ice hockey games will be played in a dazzling stadium, literally carved out of a rock cavern.



The Norwegian government and private investors have spent more than \$1 billion here, preparing for the 16 days of competition. Traffic tunnels have been bored under the city, new sewer and water lines have been laid and shiny arenas have risen against the mountains. On the outskirts of town, alongside the E-6 highway from Oslo, a McDon-ald's opened in December, incontrovertible proof that this dozy Nordic town has made it into the fast lane of international resortdom.

Among Winter Olympic sites, Lillehamer is the most northerly city ever chosen, 112 miles past Oslo, which was host to the games in 1952, and more than 600 miles closer to the North Pole than is Calgary, the site of the 1988 games Despite its mountainous setting, it is also one of the lowest winter sports venues in terms of altitude. The city center is only 590 feet above sea level; while the mountains climb nearly straight above. the valley, the surrounding mountain plateaus are well below 4,000 feet.

The heart of the old town is Storgaren, the graceful pedestrian mall, where the 19th-century wooden facades of shops and houses have been restored to their original palette of hammer.

reds, mustard yellows and grays, and coolly illuminated by antique street lamps. But for all its winter postcard charm, Lillehammer is very different from the flashy. utterly trendy winter resorts of the Rockies or the Alps. Lillehammer seems determined to preserve its earnest way of life. It is a measure of the Zeitgeist here, for example, that the athletes' apartments in the Olympic

Village will be converted to bousing for the elderly once the games are over, and a discotheque rebuilt as a Lutheran church.

With such short days (sunrise in midJanuary is after 9 A. M. and sunset before 3:30 P. M.) and biting cold, winter demands to be taken seriously in these latitudes. Even in the town's most fashionable restaurants, it is not uncommon to see a woman arrive for dinner in a sleek skirt and jacket - and baggy, knee-high wool socks, which she then pulls off and stuffs into her overcoat pocket before strolling into the dining room.

ORWAY'S passion for crosscountry skiing surprised even the organizers of the Lillehammer games, who found themselves swamped earlier this year by more than 250,000 requests for the 30,000 tickets allocated to cross country and biathalon, events that went begging for spectators at the last Winter Olympics, in Albertville, France, To accommodate the demand, the organizers decided that anyone with the energy and endurance to ski or snowshoe into the surrounding woods should be free to stand

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While there are plenty of speedy runs to
satisfy downhill skiers—the Olympic alonte
sites at both Hafyell and Kvittjell, north of Lillehammer, offer night skiing as well, and will be open to casual skiers even during the games - the careful detail in local tourist brochures is devoted to the extraordinary network of cross-country trails. In the mountain regions around Lillehammer, there are

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Philadelphia Directed by Jonathan Demme. U. S.

Set in the City of Brotherly Love for ironic reasons, "Philadelphia," like so many classics of this lofty genre ("To Kill a Mockingbird"), tries the beliefs of the American people. Are they as noble as they imagine? Is oot this a land where all men are created equal — or must they be straight men? The film is not just canny, corny and blatantly pariotic, but compassionate, com-pelling and emotionally devas-taring. Denzel Washington plays Joe Miller, a crafty ambulance chaser who advertises on TV. It's he, not his client. Andrew Beckett (Tom Hanks), who needs to change. Though he has commit-ted himself to the law, Joe is a judgmental man. Homosexuals make Joe's skin crawl. Andrew. on the other hand, is a spiritually

the next world, he is already half-man, half-nngel when be asks Joe to represent him in a suit against his former employer. Andrew, the young top gun m a prestigious law firm, has been fired for alleged incompetence, but he is sure that it's because he has AIDS. Boldly acted and superbly directed, "Philadelphia has as much to say about the gricf of parting as it does about equal rights and the beauty of

(Rita Kempley, WP)

Death Wish 5: The Face of Death

U.S. evolved human being — just, forgiving and kind. Yes, he is dying of AIDS, but that is not a matter of character, as the movie points out. Well on his way to

the 20-year series starring Charles Bronson as Paul Kerterminally bored.

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Father

Directed by Alan Goldstein.

Among the devices used to maim, torture and kill in "Death Wish 5: The Face of Death" are an industrial sewing machine, a steam press, an acid-ic chemical bath and a shrinkwrap machine that trusses up a victim who is then suspended on a hook like an item of laun-dry. "Death Wish 5" is the latest, and one hopes the last, in

scy, a middle-class civilian who takes the law into his own hands. While Bronson goes through the motions of revenge with his characteristic deliberation, he looks puffy and sounds

(Stephen Holden, NYT)

In the Name of the Directed by Jim Sheridan.

Collaborating triumphantly again with Daniel Day-Lewis (after the Oscar-winning "My Left Foot" in 1990), Sheridan shows the same ability to tell o story both matter-of-factly and metaphorically. Firs direction is plain and amazingly resonant, pinpointing all the larger misapprehensions that shaped the Kafkaesque fate of Gerry Con-lon, a young Belfast ne'er-do-well. Ostensibly the tale of one big glaring injustice, "In the Name of the Father" actually

as a fervent indictment of the bitterness between English and IRA partisans. Already admired as a startlingly inventive actor, Day-Lewis gives another dazzling performance in what is so far the role of his career. As played so grippingly and impre-dictably, the film's Gerry Conlon is anything but a one-di-mensional fall guy. As the film's settings move from city streets to courtroom and then to prison, "In the Name of the Father sustains a devastating simplicity and a cool, watchful tone. Among the actors who contribute to its steely natural-ness are Pete Postlethwaite, both fond and caustic as Gerry's father, Giuseppe, in an unaginable predicament, and Emma Thompson as the Con-lons' crusading legal counsel. "In the Name of the Father" has a title that evokes both familial devotion and prayer. A personal tragedy and a plea for reason, Sheridan's tough, riveting film succeeds on both scores. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

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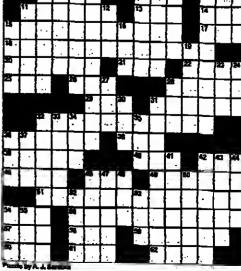
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flexibility is to use a pass in combination with an "open-jaw" APEX/PEX ticket (fly to one gateway and back from another, say Paris-New York and Los-Angeles-Paris).

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DO'S AND DOR'TS

Decide priorities

Do decide your priorities and how much flexibility you need before calling the travel agent or reservations desk. Be clear about what you're offered and ask for alternatives.

Comparison shopping Do compare advertised discount fares and special promotions, consolidator fares.

Splitting tickets

Do check fares at each end of a route. It can make sense to buy an initial one-way ticket to a country with a weaker currency and a series of round-trips at the

Carrier/Hotel	Location	Deaf				
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BRITISH AIRWAYS	Europe	Double miles for members of Executive Club frequent-filer program for Paris to Copenhagen, Stockholm and Munich. Until March 31.				
CATHAY PACIFIC	Asia	Members of Passages frequent-flier program need 20,000 kilometer credits less than usual to obtain redemption tickets between Hong Kong and 11 destinations, including Tokyo and Johannesburg. Most offers until Feb. 28.				
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FORTE HOTELS	Worldwide	Forte 30 Winter Promotion offers 30-percent discounts on rooms, meals and beverages at 225 hotels, allowing you to save up to \$150 a night. Discount also applies to Avis car rentals in Europe, Africa, Middle East, and London theater tickets. Until March 31.				
HYATT REGENCY	Singapore	A two-night weekend package for two people with two tickets to "Les Misérables," limo service to theater, plus Continental break- tast, for 888 Singapore dollars (\$555). From Feb. 5 to April 9.				
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London
Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71)
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Det Kongelige Teater, tel: 33-14-1002. Puccinia, "Teaca," Conducted by Tadeusz Wojciechowski with Ca-briela Cegolea and Daniel Munoz. Jan. 29, Feb. 2, 10, 12 and 16,

FRANCE

Musée du Louvre, tel: 40-20-50-50.
closed Mondays. To April 18: "Egyptomenia: L'Egypte dans l'Art OccThe Gallery, of Photography, tel:

dental 1750-1930." Egypt as a source of inspiration. Features 250 pieces, including paintings, furniture, sculptures and architectural projects showing the fascination of Ancient Egypt for Western artists. The exhibition will travel to Ottawa and Venna. Opera Comique, tel: 42-96-12-20. Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Directed by Robert Carsen, conducted by Steuart Bedford, with James Bowmen, Lilian Watson, Emil Wolk, Feb. 7, 9, 11, 15 and 17,

GERMANY.

Oper der Stadt Koln, tel: (221) 221-8221. Beethoven's "Fidelio." Directed by Hans Neugebauer, conducted by Lothar Zagrosek, with Ben Heponer, Lisbeth Balsley and Hart-

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Tokyo National Museum of Western Art, National Museum of Western Art, tel; (3) 9828-5131, closed Mondays. To April 3: "Greet French Palntings: from the Barnes Collection." Pictures selected from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes in Philadelphia, who ecquired an exceptional selection of 19th- and 20th-century paintings. Features works by Renoir, Manet, Seurat, Picasso and Modigifani, amono others.

National Museum Art Gallery, tel:

3323656, closed Mondays. To Feb. 20: "From Ritual to Romance - Paintings Inspired by Bali," This exhibition, Jority organized by the Singapore Art Museum and the Neka Museum in Ubud, Beli, brings together more than 70 paintings of Bali seen through the sweet of troft lordonesien. through the eyes of both indonesian and toreign artists.

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UNITED STATES

New York Guggenheim Museum Sol-lo, tel: (212) 423-3840, closed Tuesdays. To Feb. 28: "Watercolors, by Kart-dinsky." Focuses on the artist's oeu-vre as it developed from 1911 in Munich, through his years in Russia, at the Beuhaus and finally in Paris in the

Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3951, closed Mondays. To April 3: "Degas Landscapes." 61 pastels, monotypes and oil paintings by Degas, many inspired by his jour-ney through Burgundy in 1890.

BOOKS

DISCLOSURE By Michael Crichton, 405 pages.

\$24. Alfred A. Knopf. \$24. Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

I F you think Japan got a bashing in Michael Crichton's "Rising Sun," just wait till you see what happens to the cause of equal opportunity in his clever new novel, "Disclosure," about a sexual-ha-rassment suit.

The story opens with its protago-nist, Tom Sanders, looking forward to the acquisition of the Seattle-based company he works for, Diginications, by a New York publishing conglomerate. This merger stands to bring Tom a promotion as well as hicrative stock options when the division he works for goes public.

But when Tom arrives late at the office, because he has helped feed the children, he learns that Meredith Johnson, a flame from 10 years earlier, has been given the promotion instead, by a boss who apparently wants to enhance the role of women in the company.

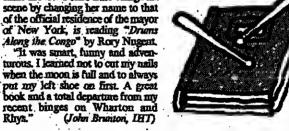
Swallowing his rancor, Tom accepts the invitation of his new boss to a day's end briefing in her locked office with a bottle of wine. When Meredith tries to reignite their sexual past. Tom eventually protests. Furious at the rejection, Meredith vows to make him pay.

The next day, Tom learns from the company lawyer that while Meredith's complaint of sexual hacassment will not be made public, Tom will have to accept transfer to a division of the company he socretly knows is about to be sold off. Rather than capitulate, he decides

to hire a lawyer and sue. Now, Meredith Johnson, as Crichton paints her, happens to be the embodiment of all those antiquated, chanvinistic stereotypes of the power-hungry woman: She is two-faced, underhanded, manipulative, mendacious, underqualified for her position and delighted to wield sex as a weapon. You quickly grow to loathe her.

Yet for a reader to admit this is to risk making common cause with the Nemderthal characters in the story who cry out, "We told you so!" or ridicule Tom for effetely failing to Meanwhile, Crichton seems to tennin above such flinging around of raw meat. He is too busy lecturing on the true meaning of his sub-

• Gracie Mansion, who found fame in New York's East Village art scene by changing her name to that of the official residence of the mayor of New York, is reading "Drums Along the Congo" by Rory Nugent, "It was smart, funny and adven-



WHAT THEY BE READING

power," says the lawyer whom Tom hires, Louise Fernandez, "and so is the company's resistance to dealing with it. Power protects power. And once a woman gets up in the power structure, she'll be protected by the structure, the same as a man."

The author wants us to know that while only 5 percent of sexual harassment suits are brought by men against women, only 5 percent of corporate supervisors are wom-en. As Fernandez concludes: "So the figures suggest that women executives harass men in the same proportion as men harass women: And as more women get corporate jobs, the percentage of claims by men is going up. Because the fact is. harassment is a power issue. And power is neither male nor female." Finally, Crichton offers an afterword in which he solemnly intones:

The advantage of a role-reversal story is that it may enable us to ine aspects concealed by traditional responses and conventional rhetone. However readers respond to this story, it is important to recognize that the behavior of the two antagonists mirrors each other, like a Rorschach inkblot. The value of a Rorschach test lies in what it tells us about ourselves." Can you think a Rorschach test?

Why, you almost feel ashamed for getting so worked up over "Disclosure" and for cheering on Tom, the poor innocent, and hissing at Meredith, the vile scheming wretch!

Still, you do get involved, to the point where you worry more about the story than the issues. So along with rooting for Tom, you wonde about certain technical flaws in the book's elaborate narrative.

Why, for example, can the story switch away from Tom's point of view when it serves to heighten the tension, but not when it might sat-isfy the reader's curiosity? Why does so much depend on Tom's errant memory when a major attack in the book is leveled against therapists who rely too credulously on children's errant memories?

Actually, I know the answer to these questions. Crichton's only real concern is to keep his pot boila fourth of it were dedicated to answering some editor querying its potential implansibilities. Still, the results keep your blood

boiling, too. "Disclosure" is an elaborate provocation of rage in which a thousand fragments of revenge finally fall into place. canwhile, Crichton also irrele-

vantly entertains us with a complex vision of the digital future, com-plets with cellular phones the size of credit cards, CD-ROM players that can store 600 books and database environments you can virtual-ly walk around in with the guidance of a helpful angel who cracks wise. That this vision is so much fun and so easy to follow seems pleasantly flattering. It partly makes up for the discomfort of enjoying in "Disclosure" what is deep down an old-fashioned battle of the sexes.

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BRIDGE More than 75 percent were women. give a ruff and sluff, and one of the

By Alan Truscott recent study of the bridge A players of Eastern Long Is-

land found a giant web of interconnecting partnerships at a group of duplicate clubs. A player might have a regular date to play with A on the first Sunday of the month, B on the first Monday, and so on. Many play five times a week, and therefore have 20 regular dates, al-though some dates may be weekly rather than, monthly. If asked for a date by a newcomer, a player is likely to offer the lifth Thursday, or another lifth, since those are not

permanently reserved. This web of connections provides a helpful network after events like retirement, or the death of a spouse. A survey found that the average age of the players in one the diamond king. South won with game was over 65. The youngest dummy's ace, ruffed a club and game was over 65. The youngest dummy's ace, ruffed a club and player was 47, and the oldest 93. gave up a diamond. East had to ject, "Semal harassment is about

This information is drawn from giving South her same. a paper, "The Elderly Duplicate Bridge Players of Eastern Long Island," written by Adele Dusenbury of Greenport, Long Island. Ms. Dusenbury, is herself an enthusiast, and held the South cards on the gramed deal.

The final jump to four hearts was aggressive, but a more cautious AQJ109 game invitation would have led to the same result. The opening spade of \$865 lead was won with the ace, and trumps were drawn. Now South had to guard against a bad spade split. She played a club to the ace and surrendered a club trick.

Since East had both king and queen of diamonds, there was no defense. East chose to win and lead North

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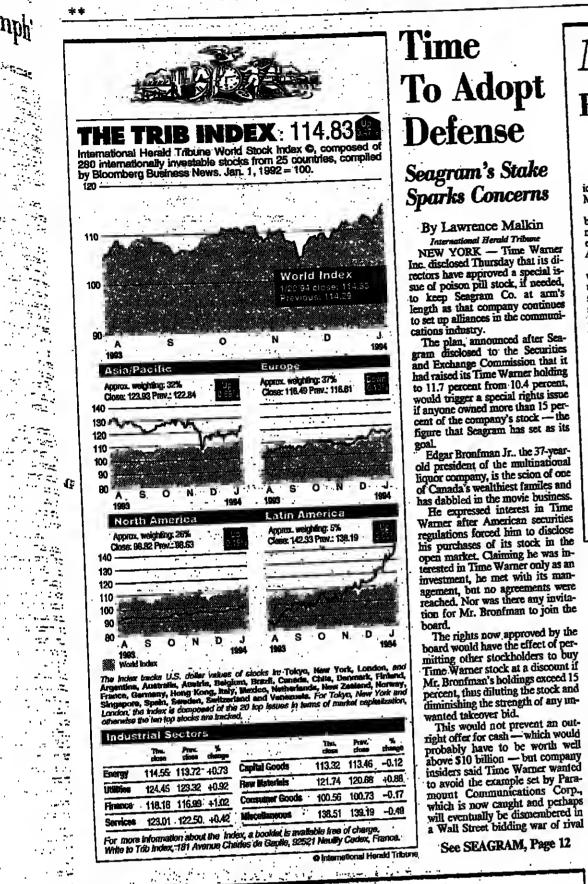
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No More 'Lazy' Americans Honda Entrusts Top Car to U.S. Plants

By Warren Brown and Frank Swoboda

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The myth of the lazy American worker may be in jeopardy, thanks in Honda

The company announced this month plans in build its Acura luxury cars at its Ohio factories, marking the first time a Japanese carmaker has entrusted one of its premium luxury products to American workers.

Since 1982, Japanese automakers have been willing to risk using American labor to build pickwitting to risk using American labor to build pickup trucks, economy cars and, lately, mid-priced
sedans such as the Toyota Camry. But they've
steered clear of putting the likes of an Acura
Legend, an image leader, into the hands of Ameri-

Although the use of American workers in build expensive foreign luxury cars is a trend largely driven by economics, it also reflects an attitude

The competence of American workers is no longer an issue," said Susan Jacobs, president of Jacobs & Associates, an automorive marketing and research firm in Rutherford, New Jersey.

The Honda announcement comes as German luxury car builders BMW and Mercedes-Benz AG are putting up plants to assemble vehicles in the United States and as Toyota Motor Corp. is expanding its manufacturing facilities in Kentucky to begin making its new, six-passenger Avalon family sedan, priced at more than \$20,000.

For years, Japanese politicians have pilloried

Japao's furmer prime minister, Kilchi Miyazawa, said during a parliamentary discussion in February 1992 that he felt Americans "may have lacked the work ethic."

Two weeks earlier, House Speaker Yoshio Sakurauchi called the United States "Japan's subcontractor," a country that had lost its leading manufacturing edge "because many American workers can't read ... and don't want in work."

And then there was the view of American work-

ers offered by Kabun Moto, a senior member of

The competence of American workers is no longer an issue. Susan Jacobs, head of an automotive marketing and research firm.

Japan's Liberal Democrace Party, who attributed some of Detroit's quality problems to anin workers who play ton hard on Saturdays and Sundays," making consumers wary of buying any car built on a Monday.

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But one of the biggest burdles that Japanese and other foreign anomakers have had to overcome in trusting American workers is the United States's bias against itself.

American consumers, stung by a long run of low-quality products from Detroit, often equated U.S.-built cars with manufacturing inferiority, ac-

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China Battle Cry on Inflation

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

The rights now approved by the HONG KONG - Expressing fears that the battle to regain control of China's economy is far from over, two senior leaders urged a tighter central rein over credit and consumer prices in comments published Thursday across China.

The candid admissions by Presi-

dent Jiang Zemin and Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji that social stability is at risk from run-away price increases heightened concerns that Chinese inflation is gain accelerating.

We are still far from setting up a risk mechanism to effectively restrain investment and the inflationary pressure is likely to build up at ime," said Mr. Zhu, the for-

"The planned total credit line must ant be exceeded even by ane yuan," Mr. Zhu warned at the close of four-day banking conference. The session affirmed that credit in China would remain tight and that new lending would be restricted to fixed assets investment and infrastructure projects.

aimed at allaying foreign investors did not give the monthly inflation fears that China, faced with comfigure. The articles appeared to be plex social problems and financial enostraints, cannot engineer a point plan designed to control smooth landing for its high-flying credit expansion and slow growth

economy.
"People don't mind inflation

the assignment last year of bringing the economy back from the brink of fast-growth chaos.

"The planned total credit line" that is high," said Paul Schulte, an analyst with CS First Boston in Hong Kong, describing foreign perceptions of China's economy.

"But they start to get oervous when they said to acceleration." they see it accelerating.

Fresh evidence of inflationary potential emerged Thursday with the oews that China's industrial nutput had surged a record-setting 35.4 percent in December from a year earlier. The report on state-run televi-

sion news also said that prices had increased sharply in December but

In July, Mr. Zhu introduced a 16 See CHINA, Page 12

Intimacy Proves Too Much for Guinness, LVMH

By Jacques Neher

PARIS - The French luxury group LVMH and the British spirits company Guinness PLC said Thursday that they would untangle their 6-year-old cross-sharehold-

The deal would provide 11 bil-lion francs (\$1.86 billion) for LVMH while protecting Guinness from any further unwanted diversi-fication moves by LVMH's flamboyant chairman, Bernard Arnault. In the process, Guinness will get a lock on Moet Hennessy, the

champagne and cognac division of LVMH, thus preventing its sale to any third party and assuring the future of a profitable joint venture that distributes the companies' wine and spirits worldwide.

Judging from the market reac-tion, Guinness got the better deal. Its shares soared 10.8 percent, in 522 pence, in London, while stock in LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA sank 3.42 percent, in 3,899 francs. Associated quoted companies controlled by Mr. Arnault declined as well. "It's much better for Guinness in

have a less costly but more powerful direct stake in the business in which it is active than to have its money fled up in a larger enflty, LVMH, whose investments in other areas it can't cootrol," said a financier close to the deal. "LVMH shareholders, on the other hand, thought they had invested in a luxury company and oow they see the chairman going in different direc-

Insiders say that Guinness was oever entirely happy with the 1987 cross-shareholding arrangement, in which the companies acquired 24 percent stakes in each niher, but that its discontent with Mr. Arnault mounted last autumn. At that time LVMH made its first move out of the luxury sector, acquiring La Tribune, a troubled daily business newspaper, and Investir, an

investment magazine.

In stating recently that be was interested in expanding in the media, Mr. Amault has led specula-

tion that LVMH was preparing a bid for Le Figaro, the conservative daily owned by the press magnate Robert Hersant.

On Thursday, Lydie Le Ninivin, LVMH spokeswoman, said the Tri-bune and Invesur acquisitions rep-resented "a trial" on which to base future media diversification, and declared that "we're not at all about to buy Le Figaro." She said oo other media purchases would be made this year.

But analysts remain skeptical.
"Now Arnault is free to do whatever he wants," said Cècile d'Estais, a Paribas Capital Markets an-

'Guinness won't have its money tied np in a larger entity whose investments it can't control.

alyst "LVMH always denies it will do something, and then it does it."

The accord bolsters the power of Mr. Arnault, who took command of LVMH -with the help of Guinoess — after a bitter boardroom battle in 1989, Mr. Arnault, who already controlled the Christian Dior and Christian Lacroix fashion bouses through his bolding company Financière Agache, added the LVMH stable nt famous names, including Moet & Chandno and Dom Perignon champagnes, Hennessy cognac, Christian Dior and Givenchy perfumes, and Lnuis Vuittoo leather goods.

In the deal, Guinness will sell its 24 percent stake in LVMH, beld indirectly through the bilding companies Jacques Rober and Christian Dior, to the Arnault Group and Le Bon Marche for 11.85 billion francs. Arnault Group is nne of Mr. Arnault's personal halding campanies: Le Bao Marche cootrols Christian Dinr. At the same time, Guinness will

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WALL STREET WATCH

Northwest Air: Takeoff Near

By Adam Bryant

New York Times Service

EW YORK — Watching the frequent surges and drops in airline fortunes is enough to give even the most himber investor neck cramps. So some may brace thereafters before training to follows: want to brace themselves before trying to follow
the bid by Northwest Airlines to go public again.
Months after averting a bankruptcy-law filing,
the airline said Tuesday that it wanted to raise
\$460 million through a stock offering, its first trip

to the markets since it was taken private in a \$3.6 billion buyout in 1989. Northwest is betting that despite some concern about its debt load and other matters, the market will welcome its offering — if only because of the current appetite for new issues. But the company may not get its hoped-for price of \$20 a share.

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"If they get it done even at \$17, it would be a very respectable offering for a company that was perceived to be in a lot of trouble just six months ago," Phillip Brannon, a high-yield-bond analyst at Mabon Securities, said. Many of those troubles are still there, and were

added to by a survey in Fortune magazine this month that rated Northwest Airlines as one of the least admired companies (it ranked No. 400 on a list of 404, higher than Trans World Airlines at 403, but worse than Continental Airlines at 396). Still, there are stars aligned in Northwest's favor. For one, investors seem to have a lot of faith in

wor. For one, investors seem to have a lot of faith in airline debt and equity offerings, lapping up 14 of them, valued at more than \$5.2 billion, since 1991. After Northwest's employees agreed late last ear to help the company avoid bankruptcy by lading \$886 million of concessions for roughly inchird of the company, the carrier reported hird-quarter net income of \$110.7 million, the highest net margin of any big U.S. carrier except aghest net margin of any big U.S. carrier except athwest Airlines.

The outlook for Northwest's profitable routes to the Pacific is improving, and the company will probably report a small profit for the fourth quarter. Investors may also be enthused by the recent market performance of Continental, which, after emerging from bankruptcy last year, has seen its recently issued shares trade up roughly 20 percent

This would not prevent an out-

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Some investors may even take their cues from
the experience of Southern Pacific Rail Corp.,
which has seen its stock rise nearly 50 percent since going public in August 1993.

Northwest and Southern Pacific are in different industries, but they have striking similarities. Both have suffered from heavy debt loads from leveraged buyouts, and neither had any equity at the time of their filings.

All those factors may be more than enough for Northwest to carry off its offering. But these broad and generous comparisons are just that.

Continental, after all, has had its debt cut by its

tour of bankruptcy courts and by low labor costs. Northwest reduced its labor costs in the concessions-for-equity swap, but those costs are scheduled to snap back to old levels after three years. And while Northwest managed to reschedule much of its debt, its load remains high, with about \$2 billion in repayments due in 1996 and 1997.

Other concerns weighing down Northwest in-chide its negative net worth of \$1.9 billion, and a chide its negative net worth a first debt-to-capital ratio of 126 percent.

On the other hand, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service Inc. have put Northwest's debt-rating up for review, with positive implications, pending the offering.

For now Northwest is seen as a low-cost airline, for now Northwest is seen as a low-cost airline,

and low-cost airlines are in vogue. In fact, if the offering goes well, TWA, which also emerged from bankruptcy last year with low costs, might itself consider an offering.

Bundesbank Eases Policy on Minimum Reserves

By Brandon Mitchener
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FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank on Thursday left German interest rates unchanged for the secand time this year, flashing markets a clear signal that it is more concerned about inflation and exchange rates than about eas-

ing credit quickly.
In a separate maneuver, however it lifted a major financial burden un German banks in a bid to make them more competitive and in indirectly boost the German economy, which is stuck in its deepest recession in decades.

By reducing the amount of money banks are required to deposit at the Bundesbank without receiving interest, the change in the so-calle minimum reserve requirement lowers costs to lending institutions as a group and opens scope for a change in bank lending rates," the Bundesbank said.

Bundesbank officials have often criticized banks' delays in passing on cheaper credit in consumers.

But whether lower interest rates are passed on immediately or not, the Bundesbank said its move in

the minimum reserve requirement in 5 percent of the banks' sight deposits should enhance the attractiveness of banking in Germany. Depending on the volume involved, banks currently have to hold between 6.6 percent and 12.1 percent of sight deposits at the cen-

The move on Thursday comple-ments the Bundesbank's decision last March to lower the min

reserve requirements that affect the banks' term deposits and savings with defending, bas slipped 2 per-

Thomas Mayer, chief economist for Germany at Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, said the prospect of low-er bank lending rates as a result of the change in the minimum reserve requirement was more realistic than a decline in official interest rates anytime soon.

Recent signs of slippage on the issues the Bundesbank cares about most "probably strengthened the impression it would be good to wait before taking the next step," said Mr. Mayer. "Better data in February would give the Bundesbank an opportunity to lower rates and enshion any negative effect against the mark," he said.

The expansion of money supply. the main barometer for inflation overshot the Bundesbank's official target last year and inflation, which was calculated at 3.7 percent in December, is likely in rise again in January as a result of new taxes and higher fees for insurance, water and

In addition, the Deutsche mark,

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To Plug Loss

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FRANKFURT - Metallge-

sellschaft AG plans to turn itself

into a management holding company and in sell a number of stakes in

or send in sell a number of stakes in German and other companies as part of its restructuring program, its new chief executive, Kajo Neukirchen, said Thursday.

Sources familiar with the companies and Marillage elichaft, also

Asset Sales

The timing of the next German interest rate cut. Bundesbank offi-cials have said repeatedly in recent weeks, depends primarily on new evidence that German inflation is abating and that the Deutsche mark is stable.

favor U.S. investments.

"The Bundeshank could easily wait until March,"said Klaus Holschuh, an analyst at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt. "They have to go slowly on short-term rates to keep faith in long-term rates alive."

summer and shows signs of contin-

ued weakness as investment flows

The Bundesbank last lowered its benchmark discount rate on Oct. 22. On Thursday, it left the discount rate, its cheapest rate on loans to commercial banks, unchanged at 5.75 percent and locked is market-sensitive repurchase rate for another two weeks at 6 percent, where it has been since mid-De-

The Bundesbank's wait-and-see

stance is no surprise. Hans Tietmeyer, president of the central ments in currency matters," bank, recently told foreign journal-ists that he was "waiting to see bow things develop" before large develop. with defending, bas slipped 2 per-cent against the dollar since last

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ny said Metallgesellschaft also planned to close the oil-trading activities of its American unit, Me-tallgesellschaft Corp. The unit's

losses were a major factor in the company's recent financial troubles, in which it narrowly avoided a bankruptcy filing.

The sources said the metals and mining company was considering splitting the unit off from its financing division, then breaking it into several units, selling the profittrading engineering and chemicals.

Metallgesellschaft had a loss of
1.8 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.03)

able ones and closing the unprofit-Mr. Neukirchen, while not commenting directly on the report, said the company was planning to get rid of improfitable operations. He said the company would form a management holding unit in the "middle term" that would be divided in in three operating areas:

> billion) in the year ended in September 1993. (Knight-Ridder, AFX)

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Bundesbank Gives The Dollar a Jolt

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar was lower Thursday in active trading. although it was above its low for the day of 1.7350 Deutsche marks. which was reached after the Bundesbank decided oot to cut German interest rates.

The dollar closed at 1.7376 DM. down from 1.7455 DM at Wednes-

Foreign Exchange

day's close, and at 111.365 yen, compared with 111.405 year. It also slipped to 1.4545 Swiss frames from 1.4605 frames and to 5.9125 French francs from 5.9430. The pound rose to \$1,4968 from \$1,4930.

Hugh Walsh, a dealer at ING Bank, said the German central bank's decision had caused dealers and funds that had been long on dollars to sell those positions quickly, with the U.S. currency falling sharply as stop-loss sell orders

were triggered on the way down.

Mr. Walsh added that the Bundesbank's later announcement that it was setting its securitiesrepurchase rate at a fixed 6.0 percent "added fuel to the fire, causing even heavier dollar-selling."

"The market had expected the Bundesbank to announce a variable-rate repo," he added. "When they said it was fixed, the dollar fell straight through 1.7400 against the mark." Support emerged around 1.7350 DM, he said, with strong buying interest showing up after a Federal Reserve Board economist said that fourth-quarter growth in the United States might have been as high as 6 percent annually.

U.S. banking sources, mean-while, said the Bundesbank had told them it would delay the release of its M3 money-supply oumbers until next week at the earliest and possibly until the first week in February, to try to minimize "end-of-

They said the M3 number appeared to have risen sharply at the end of the year for technical reasons, which resulted in the Bundesbank's decision to re-examine the figures and delay their release. The move was said to help to bolster the mark across the board Thursday.

The dollar traded sideways against the ven, with traders reluctant to take major positions before the weekcod meeting between Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujii in Japan, Mr. Walsh said. But the yen advanced against

some currencies as some dealers decided that Mr. Beotsen still might make some gesture toward

SEAGRAM: Defense Considered

Continued from Page 11 companies that are pledging their stock and cash.

The impetus for the rights offer. a fairly standard Wall Street ploy, came from Time Warner's own strategic partners and some of its institutional investors, the company said. Time Warner, itself the duct of a takeover war that has left it \$9 billion in debt, has an

M.Y. Stocks

alliance with US West Inc., a regional telephone company, to expand cable and phone octworks, and with Toshiba Corp. and the trading company Itochu to expand its entertainment penetration of the Japanese market.

Time Warner officials said their partners told them they wanted to be sure plans went ahead with the parties with whom they had made their deals. The officials also feared that a hidding war could scotch further agreements.

Scenting a possible takeover war. Wall Street pushed up Time Warner stock by 82.5 cents, to \$40

Seagram said it believed that rights plans "are oot in the best interests of public shareholders."

■ Dow Hits Another Record Stock prices were slightly higher

seeking a stronger yen as a bargaining point. This would raise the cost of Japanese products around the world and tend to depress exports. (AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

corporate earnings and digested contradictory U.S. economic data, wire services reported. The Dow Jones industrial average advaoced 7.59 points to 3,891.96 points, another record. but dealers ooted that profit-taking from Wednesday's record levels

had weakened prices early in the

Thursday as investors reacted to

Advancing issues took a slight lead over declines on the New York Stock Exchange and volume totaled about 310 million shares, oearly unchanged from Wednes-

A government report on the home-building business furnished fresh evidence of economic vigor while news from the job market indicated employment growth was sluggish. The weekly job data re-confirmed widely held perceptions.

The bellwether 30-year Treasury bond, which fell 12/32 Wednesday to yield 6.296 percent, was ahead 13/32 to 99 25/32. The issue's yield, which moves in the opposite direction of its price, was 6.26 per-

Altera Corp. plunged 5% to 30 after the semiconductor maker said its first-quarter earnings won't be as strong as earlier thought. (AP, Knight-Ridder)

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CHINA: A New Battle Cry on Inflation Amid Fresh Signs of Overheating suggests that China is again start- 30 percent in one month in some areas recently prompted the rein-troduction of price controls. They

were endorsed by President Jiang. In pledging a greater role for "state-owned commerce" in stem-ming inflation, Mr. Jiang said the government gave reasonable con-Sumer prices high priority as "a matter-which will affect social sta-

GE's Profit Rose 10% in 4th Quarter

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut (AP) — General Electric Co. reported Thursday a 10 percent gain in fourth-quarter profit, helped by strong growth in its appliances, financial services, plastics, power systems and

transportation businesses. GE carned \$1.48 billion, or \$1.73 a share, in the quarter, up from \$1.34 billion, or \$1.57 a share, in the fourth quarter of 1992. The year-earlier results included \$126 million in earnings from GE's now-discontinued

aerospace business. Revenue rose 12 percent in the latest quarter, to \$18.08 billion from \$16.20 billion. For the year, revenue was up 6 percent, to \$60.56 billion from \$57.07 billion, and profit jumped 10 percent to \$5.18 billion, or \$6.06 a share, from \$4.73 billion, or \$5.51 a share.

Home Construction Shows a Surge

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Home-building boomed in 1993, reflecting a surging U.S. economy, the government said Thursday, but weekly labor data suggested that getting a job remained difficult.

Low mortgage rates and rebounding consumer confidence encouraged

builders to break ground on a total of 1.29 million homes in 1993, the highest level in four years, the Commerce Department said. In December alone, home construction jumped 6.2 percent from the previous month, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.54 million, suggesting an even stronger bousing market for 1994.

In a separate report, however, the Labor Department said first-time claims for state jobies benefits had climbed 23,000 in mid-January to a six-month high of 380,000.

Ouaker Oats Had Weaker Quarter

CHICAGO (AP) — Quaker Oats Co. said Thursday its profit fell 24 percent in its latest quarter because of weak economies in Europe and high inflation in Brazil.

The maker of breakfast cereals and other food products had net income of \$42.8 million, or 63 cents a share, for the three months ended Dec. 31, down from \$56.2 million, or 77 cents a share, a year earlier. The earlier results included a \$17.4 million gain from the sale of two Italian food businesses and a \$9.7 million charge for a European cost-reduction program.

Sales rose 2 percent, to \$1.35 billion from \$1.33 billion. Chairman William D. Smithburg said the decline reflected sluggish European sales, high financing costs in Brazil and lower foreign-exchange gains. He said key U.S. businesses were performing well.

Firms Discuss Competing With MTV

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Four music and entertainment companies are considering launching an international program to compete with Viacom Inc.'s MTV cable-television channel, an executive close to the discussions said Thursday.

discussions said Thursday.

The executive said the companies were Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Music Group; Sony Corp.'s Sony Music; Thom EMI PLC's EMI Music unit, and PolyGram, which is majority-owned by Philips Electronics NV. Spokesmen for the companies did not comment on the report.

The executive did not say how much the companies were considering investing in the project or when the venture might be launched. He said the project would be modeled on a cable venture started about six weeks ago in Germany that included the same partners. That service, called Viva, is offered to about 90 percent of Germany's 13 million cable customers.

For the Record

Microsoft Corp. reported a 22 percent gain in its second-quarter earnings on the strength of its Microsoft Office programs. (NYT) Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. reported fourth-quarter earnings of \$256 million, or 50 cents a share, reversing a year-earlier loss.

Opel Posts a Major Loss

associated with short-time FRANKFURT - Adam. Opel AG, the German subsidiary of General Motors Corp., said Thursday that extraordinary charges had forced it into a significant loss in 1993.

. It said the one-time burdens included 160 million Demsche

marks (\$91.9 million) in costs

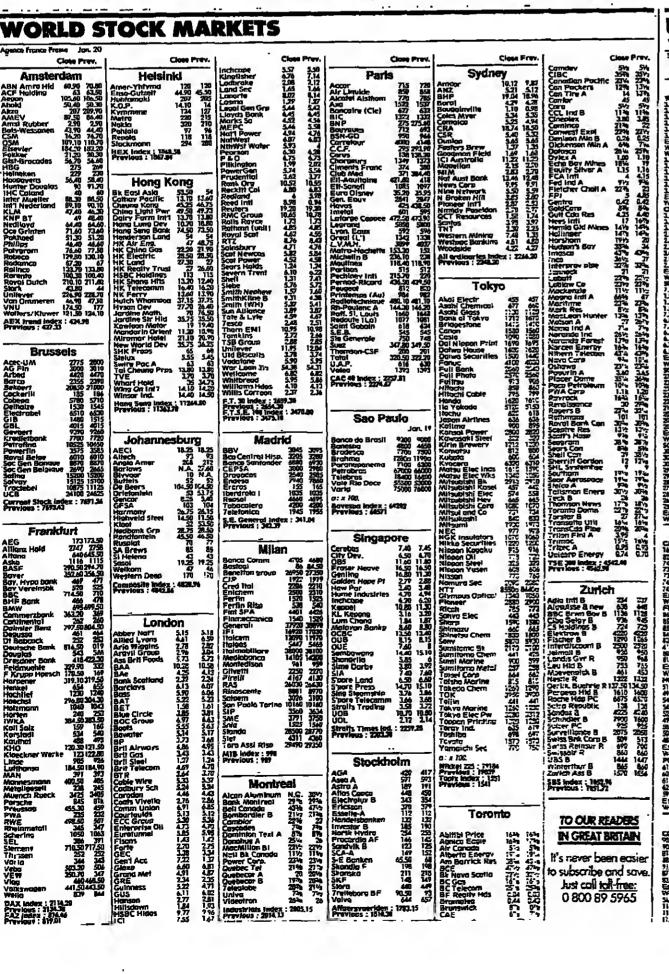
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working. In 1993, payments for layoffs and early retirement cost 350 million DM and currency-related losses cost 380 million: DM,

Opel said. However, it said, GM's European operation as a whole remained profitable.

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German Plan **Aims to Boost** Jobs and Growth

Theo Waigel presented the government's package to boost growth and employment to the Bundestag the lower house of parliament on

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The measures, due to be implemented before this summer, are designed to make it easier to start inesses and to make employment terms more flexible. Even though Germany's political

BOC to Slash 1.700 Jobs

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LONDON - The industrial gas and health care concern BOC Group PLC said Thursday that it was critting 1,700 jobs in a major restructuring aimed at slashing costs £60 million a year by 1997.

The group will take a charge of £85 million (\$126 million) in this year's accounts to pay for the restructuring and for laying off about 4 percent of its work force.

The chief executive, Pat Dyer, told shareholders, "In effect, this is spending money to save money." Chairman Patrick Rich, 62, said he would retire in April; no successor has been named. BOC shares tumbled in reaction but later rebounded, closing at 697 pence, up 31 pence.

BONN - Finance Minister al parliamentary election in the anrumn, the proposals "don't contain any electoral sweeteners," Mr.

Mr. Waigel said there would be no additions to the 1994 budget, which foresets a deficit of 69.1 bilhon Deutsche marks (\$39.6 billion), compared with a 67 billion

DM deficit in 1993. Economics Minister Gunter Retrodt, speaking in support of the program, called it a "core part of

1994 economic policy."

Despite "clear signs the German economy has left the trough of recession," unemployment will con-tinue to grow in 1994, Mr. Rexrodt said. "That's why the focus of our action program is on safeguarding and creating jobs."

The plan includes measures aimed at aiding small and mediumsized businesses, as well as labor and tax-law changes, some deregu-lation measures and efforts to sum-

nlate housing construction.
In addition, Mr. Rexrodt said the government would offer lowinterest loans to boost what he called innovations at medium-sized companies that could trigger projects worth several billion marks.

Other plans include altering the corporate tax system and contracting out more services traditionally provided by regional or local gov-

The Federation of German Industry welcomed the plan as a sign of "growing readiness to view Germany's economic problems realistically," but it said there was too little focus on reducing the state's

Bonn Sweeps Its Tracks Railway Is Groomed for Privatization

FRANKFURT — Germany's state-owned railroad operates more than 30,000 trains a day to bundreds of destinations. But because it is hobbled by debt and anachronistie work rules, its scrvice usually runs one direction: in the red.

. That may be about to change. The German government is in the process of converting its money-losing rail network into a privately held company, chang-ing the way it works to prepare for its eventual sale to the private

Prospects for success are murky at best. Even Gerd Aberle, a member of the Transport Ministry's committee that drafted the reform, said he is "not that optimistic" it will work. But the government, rail experts and the railway's management agree that there was no alternative to a radical reorgani-

Heinz Dürt, the railroad's chief executive, said recently that without reform, Germany faced capitulation of the railway to road traffic" or a "shrinking railway which only runs on highly profitable routes."

With an accumulated debt of 70 billion Deutsche marks (\$40 billion), the state-owned network - called Deutsche Bundesbahn in Western Germany and Deutsche Reichsbahn in Eastern Germany — was a large burden on the budget. Even worse, it was failing to stop the hemorrhage of traffic onto Germany's clogged-

up highways. The railroad's share of passenger transport fell to 6 percent by the early 1990s, down from 9

percent in 1970. For freight transport, the share fell to 21 percent from 33 percent. The solution chosen in Ger-

many, as in Britain, has been to pry the railroad out from under the tutelage of the transport and finance ministries and convert it into a quasi-public corporation. The government still owns all of the shares in the resulting enti-

The railroad's share of passenger traffic has fallen to 6 percent.

ty, called Deutsche Bahn AG, but the goal is to make all the improvements necessary to make the railroad attractive to private investors, then sell it off.

To do this, managers will try to lure traffic back onto the rails by improving service, then cut costs and make the system profttable by freeing it from the shackles of a bureaucracy which had made it often unresponsive to market needs. But analysis say that a sale to

investors is still a long way off.

The deficit problem will remain for some time, so that the railway will appear uninteresting to private investors in the foresecable future," said Rainer Münch, a transport analyst at Deutsche Bank Research.

Mr. Aberle, the professor who helped the government draft the reform plan, said the future attractiveness to investors "can't be estimated at all at the moment because we don't know how carnings will develop."

He added that he was convinced that the plan was right in theory, but said that putting it into practice involved many un-

"I'm not that optimistic things will improve fundamentally," he said. Deutsche Bahn will become more flexible, "but it will still be a large company with all the mflexibility that large companies

He said there were inherent disadvantages that still hampered the railroad's ability to compete with highways, regardless of reform.

Railroads, for example, must pay the full cost of building and maintaining tracks, while car and truck drivers pay fees that experts say cover only part of the costs of highways.

Some of these problems will be addressed by reforms that took effect earlier this month. Deutsche Bahn AG will not be required to operate on amprofitable routes and the state will have to subsidize some services that do not generate enough revenue to cover costs.

The railway will also be free to slash its payroll, one of the main causes of its persistent losses, by shedding almost a third of its work force of 360,000 by 2000. This is normally difficult to do because about 120,000 of its employees are civil servants, who are usually nearly impossible to

But on Jan. 1, the civil servants were transferred to a state body that hires them out to the railway. Starting in 1997, Deutsche Bahn will only keep those civil servants it needs.

Nestlé Sales **And Profit** On Upswing

VEVEY. Switzerland - Nesile SA, the world's biggest food company, said Thursday that its sales and orofit had risen last year and predicted improvement in '94.

Officials said group sales had risen 5.4 percent last year, to 57.5 billion Swiss francs (\$39.4 billion). "As for the net profit for 1993. the company said in a statement, "Nestle is counting on an increase compared with 1992." Net profit in 1992 was 2.6 billion francs.

Profit and dividend will be published March 24.

The company was opinistic for 1994, saying that barring deepening recession in Europe or unfavorable currency development, it expected "an increase in sales and net profit for the current year." The upbeat statement boosted its

registered shares on the Zurich stock exchange, where they had been down sbarply early in the day. They ended at 1,322 francs, down 10 francs on the day.

Nestle said three percentage points of last year's 5.4 percent sales increase had come from consolidation of acquisitions. But there was also an increase in sales volume, particularly in Asia, Latin America and North America.

Nestle said favorable developments in business outside Europe enabled it to more than offset a slowdown in Europe, where recession pushed sales down and some currencies weakened markedly.

Overall volume growth, excluding acquisitions or disinvestments. stood at 1.7 percent last year.

Within the larger product groups, strong volume growth was recorded in drinks, milk products and the pharmaceuncal area.

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The European Commission warned that it might block a capital injection of 2.5 billion French francs (\$422 million) into Groupe Bull, the French state-owned computer company, if it did not quickly submit a restructuring plan to justify new injections of state aid.

Alcatel Alsthom SA set up two communications joint ventures, in Beijing and Chengdu, with the Chinese Telecommunications Ministry.

Alcatel China and the ministry would have equal shares in the companies, which were set up to work on transmission equipment.

 Skoda Automobilova AS, the Czech carmaker that is 31 percent owned by Volkswagen AG, said it turned out 10 percent more cars in 1993 but declined to reveal profit figures for the year.

• Anglo-American Corp., South Africa's mining conglomerate, said that its profit from gold and uranium rose 2 percent, to 275.1 million rand (\$80.68 million), in the fourth quarter of 1993. But Chairman Clem Sunter warned that the market would be "very tricky" in 1994 because it was being driven by fund managers rather than physical demand.

 Banco Bilbao Vizcaya SA said its pretax profit rose 4.5 percent to 110 billion pesetas (\$815 million), in 1993, while net profit rose 2.3 percent, to 71.08 billion pesetas.

Elf Chief Sounds Warning Note on Costs

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches PARIS - Elf Aquitaine will cut exploration and production costs if the oil price slump continues, its chairman, Philippe Jaffre, said Thursday as the state owned company began

selling shares to the public. Efforts to contain costs will not necessarily lead to further depreciation in the value of Elf's assets, he said, without providing details.

Mr. Jaffre said it was too early to predict the direction of oil prices, and he suggested that there could be a backlash. "The deeper the price plunges," he added, "the more violent the up-

and after a news conference devoted to the company's 1993 preliminary results, which were published earlier this week. The conference coincided with the start of the public

offering of a 24 percent stake in the company. Last year, Elf Aquitaine took a one-time charge of 2 billion French francs (\$339 million), including 1.5 billion francs' worth of oil and gas assets, primarily in the North Sea, to cover depreciation of assets.

The charge contributed to an 82 percent slump in the 1993 net profit, to 1.1 billion

francs, from 6.2 billion a year earlier.

The remainder of the state's stake, which was will be split between core share-

holders and staff, and the state will keep a stake of about 13 percent. Outside investors already own 49 percent of Elf, which has the largest capitalization on the French bourse.

France's Socialists expressed anger at the Elf sell-off, calling it "a crime against the nation."

Drop in Profits at Saint-Gobain

The French construction materials maker Saint-Gobain SA said Thursday that its consolidated net profit had fallen 45 percent in 1993, to 1.3 billion francs, from 2.38 billion francs the previous year. Bloomberg reported.

Excluding capital gams and losses, net profit was 680 million francs.

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pay 8 billion francs for a 34 percent stake in Moet Hennessy, which following internal restructuring will encompass all of LVMH's winc and spirits brands. It had pro for-ma sales in 1993 of 10.7 billion francs and operating profit of 2.9

The 34 percent represents a minority blocking share that allows Guinness to prevent major capital ness right of first refusal in the said.

event LVMH wants to sell its

drinks unit. The deal calls for LVMH to reduce its 24 percent stake in Guinness to 20 percent by mid-1995. LVMH said the 11 billion francs raised by the transactions would be applied to paying down its debt — currently 16 billion francs — and to acquisitions in the prestige goods

sectors.

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Sandoz Net Up 'Over 10%'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BASEL - Sandoz AG, the Swiss pharmaceuticals and chemicals company, said Thursday that its sales in 1993 rose 5 percent, and that its net income should rise

"over 10 percent."
Sales totaled 15.1 billion Swiss francs (\$10.33 billion), in line with most market forecasts. The company attributed the gain to the "in-creasing dynamism" of its pharmaceuticals sales as well as a strong performance by its core chemicals and environmental products.

Management said the rise in net income, from 1.5 billion francs in 1992, was expected to result from higher operating income and tight cost management.

The company's shares dipped 25 francs to 4,225 francs. Sandoz said that pharmaceutical sales bad risen 10 percent in the fourth quarter from a year ago. noting that sales of a product used

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in organ transplants rose 15 percent and one used to treat schizophrenia climbed 60 percent. (Bloomherg, AFX)

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Continued from Page 11 cording to surveys done by J.D. Power & Associates, a California-based marketing research firm. That perception often caused forcing the same thing, even though it was building cars with General Motors Corp. at a jointly owned company, where expensive Corplies because the same assisting to survey repeatedly showed that the same assembly lines. U.S. consumer surveys repeatedly showed that buyers preferred the sometimes to gravated by an unfavorable currently survey repeatedly showed that buyers preferred the sometimes to gravated by an unfavorable currently survey repeatedly showed that buyers preferred the sometimes to gravated by an unfavorable currently survey repeatedly showed that buyers preferred the sometimes to gravated by an unfavorable currently survey repeatedly showed that buyers preferred the sometimes to gravated by an unfavorable currently survey repeatedly showed that buyers preferred the sometimes.

eign auto companies to emphasize the "German engineering" or the "Japanese quality" of their prod-ucts, Power and other analysts said.

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Corp. at a jointly owned company, New United Motor Manufacturing Inc., in Fremont, California The strategic boasting about good old apanese know-how paid off.

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To help save money, Japanese amomakers are transferring more of their production to the United States, where auto manufacturing costs are \$16 to \$17 an hour less

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KUALA LUMPUR - Malay sia's benchmark stock index fell nearly 3 percent Thursday as inves-tors failed to react to positive news about a major timber company -a stark contrast with last year's enthusiasm for the industry, analysts

for a while," Phuah Eng Chye, re-search manager at PB Securities, said. "We are looking at one to The Knala Lumpur Stock Ex-change's composite index dropped 31.76 points, or 2.94 percent, to

The benchmark index has fallen 18 percent this year, part of a re-gional downturn that has seen institutional funds shifting away

Samsung's Eye Focuses on Cars

SEOUL — Samsing Group is graving up to snatch a share of the nation's growing car industry, which posted records in sales and exports last year, Samsung officials said Thurs-

We are actively negotiating with several foreign carmakers to form joint ventures," said Lee Kyu-sung a spokesman for Samsung Heavy Industries Co., a unit of Samsung Group. He expects a decision at the end of April.

Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. of Japan, along with Germany's Volks-wagen AG and Sweden's Volvo AB, have made offers for links with Samsung, Mr. Lee said. Samsung Heavy is building a truck assembly line with Nissan technology but has no passenger car heense.

Foreign Role to Grow in Taiwan Land of High Rates Seen Admitting More Outsiders

By Kevin Murphy

tional Herald Tribune TAIPEI - Is the strong foreign demand that helped spark a four-month rally in Tai-wan's stock market about to spill over into its domestic bond market with equal force? It probably won't happen next week, or next month; but, as Taiwan moves to broadly liberalize its financial markets, it could happen sooner than many people think, say a few foreigners who are building up their debt-

"This market is a lot more liquid than most people are aware," Steven Kwiatkowski, ex-ecutive vice president of Springfield Finan-

cial Advisory, said.

"It has all the right ingredients," he said.

"Taiwan is flooded with idle cash, interest rates are relatively high, and securities com-panies have profilerated in recent years." But government restrictions on foreign capital inflows, a relative dearth of corporate issuers and some lack of sophistication in the

products available is keeping foreigners largely out of the fray — for now. Although Taiwan's economic planners are among the most conservative in Asia, the government has routinely tapped the local bond market for funds.

When the governing Knomintang, or Nationalist Party, began talking about a six-year, \$300 billion infrastructure development plan a few years ago, it was widely assumed

that much of the cash would be raised through the bond market, and many feared that a big increase in demand for capital

could swamp it.

That ambitious program has since been scaled back by about \$100 billion, and the market has comfortably digested a borrowing

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program with new issues of 40 billion Taiwan dollars (\$1.51 billion) every other month. Until the current stock market rally began in October, bonds were the investment of choice for local investors, who found the flat stock market less alluring than bond yields

that had been kept up by a central bank decision to keep interest rates high. As a result of the central bank's strong aversion to inflation, its concern for the stability of the Taiwan dollar and its desire to give investors a reason to not send their funds to China, yields on the 10-year and sevenyear government bonds sold to primary dealers at the latest auction averaged a healthy

7.34 percent and 6.86 percent, respectively.
In Taiwan as in most other parts of Asia, bonds, if issued at all, tend to be held by investors to maturity. And traditionally, corporations have found issuing equity or arranging bank loans an easier and often

cheaper way to raise cash.

Ten years ago, people didn't know what

bonds were," Mr. Kwiatkowski said. "And there was little reason to find out, when all it took was one phone call to your bank to get a line of credit expanded."

Change is coming, in response to both internal and external pressures. But foreigners until now have played only

a minor role. No foreign institution is authorized to act as a primary dealer in the market, and most of the foreign companies authorized rized to invest in Taiwan securities since 1991 have favored the stock market.

At the same time, the central bank, worried about capital inflows, has decided not to raise its SS billion limit on total foreign investment in Taiwan securities, so the only potential foreign bond investors are likely to be those whose entry has already been approved.

Analysis, however, see two powerful agents for change: Tarwan's request to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and related to that, Washington's renewed push to speed the opening of Asian financial mar-

kets to foreign players. "They will try to resist pressure as long as they can," Mr. Kwiatkowski said of Taiwan's

financial policymakers.
"I don't think the U.S. wants to see Taiwan become more vulnerable," he said. But he said Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, on his current Asian trip, and other American officials have demonstrated lately that "they

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 Japan's principal measure of money supply. M2 plus certificates of deposit, rose 1.5 percent in December from a year earlier, the Bank of Japan said. The measure includes cash, money funds and many deposits, but not the large sums kept hy consumers in the postal savings system.

 Philips Taiwan, a unit of the Dutch electronics giant Philips NV, is in talks with several Taiwan manufacturers about ticensing CD-ROM computer technology, a spokesman said.

 Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Japan's largest international telecommunications company, said it would invest | trillion yen (59.01 billion) by 2010 to develop a new telecommunications network.

Taiwan announced a further easing of restrictions on indirect investments that companies can make in China; 15 categories of businesses were given clearance, including construction and machine-leasing, the deputy economics minister, Lee Shu-jeou, said.

 Mitsubishi Motors Corp. projected a 15 percent gain in vehicle production abroad, to 590,000 units this year, after growth of 18 percent in 1993. PT Rian Andalan Pulp & Paper said it would build the world's biggest pulp and paper plant, in the Rian archipelago of Indonesia, with a total investment of \$1.42 billion, according to local press reports.

· Sumitomo Coal Mining Co. said it would close its last coal mine in Japan because domestic coal could no longer compete with cheap imports and the company's losses were rising sharply.

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are serious about financial liberalization." Data Show Taiwan Economic Upturn

nounced last year, Lingui's stock might have soured to 20 ringgit.

Exchange Won't Expand The chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange has rejected a
call to set up a second exchange to
cope with heavy trading volume,

Restlers reported. Reuters reported.

about merging their existing mar-kets," Nik Mohamed Din said in response to a suggestion by the Malaysian Investors' Association that another exchange should be formed to complement the Knala

that boomed last year to markets that are now considered less expen-

sive, such as Japan's. Credit restric-

tions at brokerages, which reduce the number of buyers, have exacer-

bated Malaysia's price declines.

The market should remain soft

the day's big loser, falling to 11.60 ringgit (\$4.25) a share, down 4.40, or 27.5 percent, after saying it

would acquire several timber-relat-

ed companies in return for new

Analysts said it appeared the deal would give Lingui processing capabilities but no timber conces-

sion, which may have disturbed in-vestors. Lingui also received no guarantee of profit, in contrast to earlier such deals, they said. But

analysts said the speed with which

investors moved to take out their

profits in Lingui probably mainly

reflected the pessimism of a market that had been recently bullish

about nearly any timber stock. Razani Radzi, an investment an

alyst at Pesaka Jardine Fleming, said that if the deal had been an-

three months,

TAIPEI - Trade and industrial production figures released on

"This is caused mainly by the "People elsewhere are talking U.S. economic recovery and the strong performance of Taiwan's computer and information industry," said Yang Tsai-yuan, director of the Economics Ministry's statistics department.

Taiwan is likely to raise its official Gross National Product

analysts said.

goods surged 7.97 percent from a had gotten moderately stronger in year earlier to \$7.49 billion in December, exceeding last year's over-all growth rate of 6.13 percent. Orders from the United States,

Taiwan's higgest market, climbed 10.55 percent from a year ago to \$2.51 billion in December. Total orders for information and communications equipment soured 46.68 percent to \$883 million.

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Daniel Chen, a director at the dustry fueled the growth, with outthis year if the data remain as Taiwan Institute of Economic Restrong in the next month or two, search, said depreciation of the Taiwan dollar last year had helped Export orders for Taiwanese boost exports, though the currency

> The government also announced that Taiwan's industrial output, which had been sluggish for most of the year, jumped 5.76 percent from a year earlier in December. far exceeding last year's overall growth rate of 3.42 percent.

Once again, Taiwan's information equipment and electronics in-

Wu Hin-lin at the Chung-hwa Institution for Economic Research. Taiwan's GNP grew an estimat-

earlier in December.

ed 6.03 percent last year but annual growth slowed to 5.78 percent in. the third quarter, hit by the global slowdown and cutbacks in domestic infrastructure projects.

put up 12.75 percent from a year

"Although Taiwan's economic

growth now depends more on the service industry, higher industrial output growth will have a knock-on

effect in the whole economy," said

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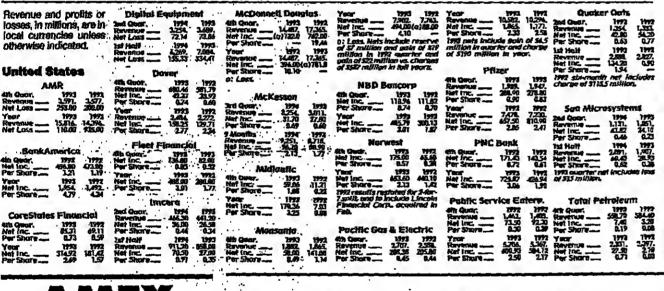
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STAR TV Beset by Woes? Its New Chief Is Dismissive ous problems: litigation with an

HONG KONG - Gary Davey, the new chief executive of the satelvision company STAR TV.

lite television company STAR TV, denied Thursday that its fortunes have been lackfuster since Rupert Murdoch bought 63.6 percent last year.

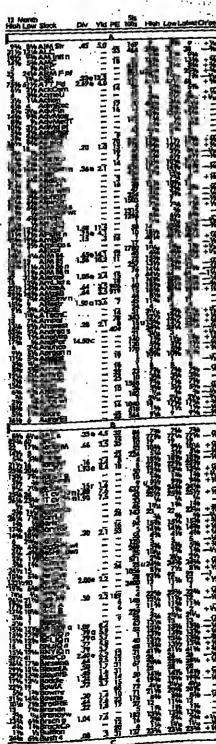
Mr. Davey, former deputy managing director at British Sky Broadcasting, said prospects are bright, but he plans no major changes in the way STAR does business, particularly in China.

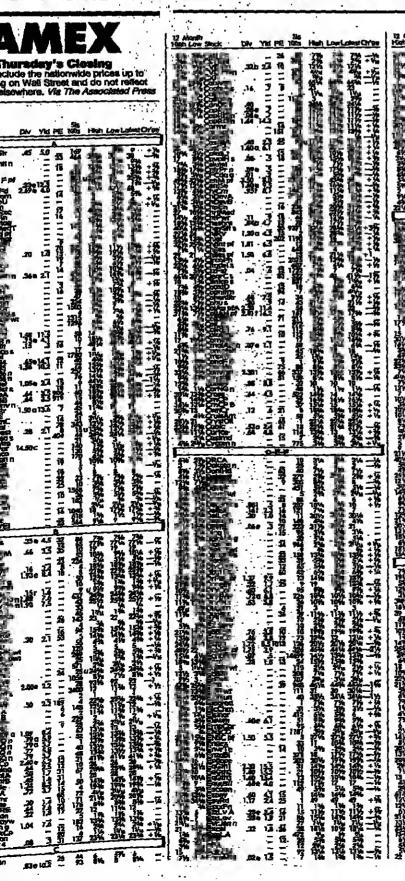
An Australian who is said to have been handpicked for the job by Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Davey, 39, is not ruffled by the company's vari-

advertising sales agent in Taiwan, the potential loss of a cable distributor in Hong Kong, changes in management and rumblings from China that it will only accept for-eign broadcasts on its own terms.

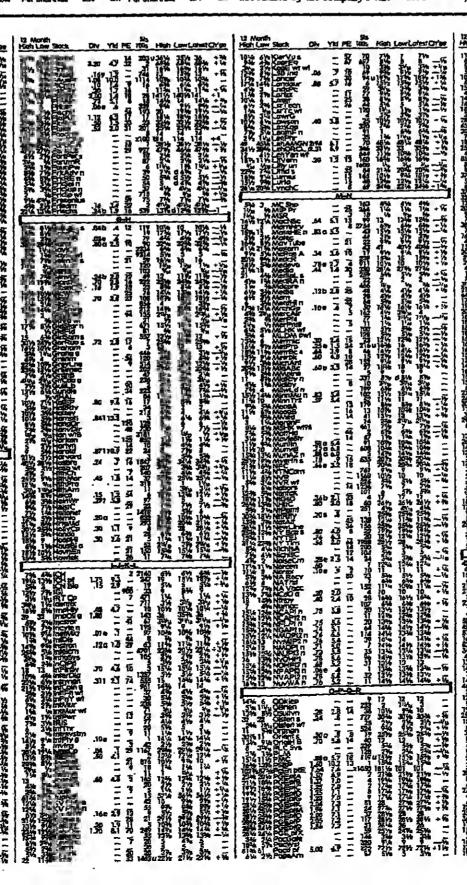
"Name me a business of this size that doesn't have some bigation going on," Mr. Davey said after a week in the job. "When you are dealing with complex contracts and complex relationships it's inevita-ble."

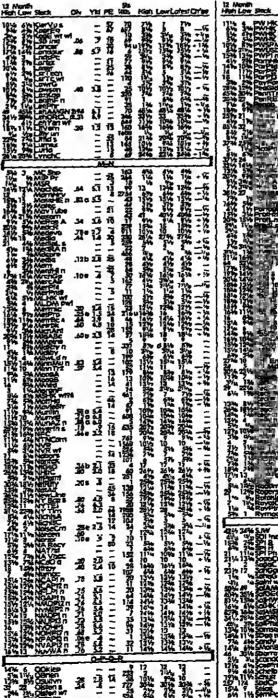
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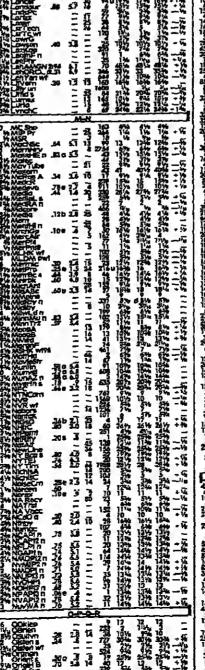


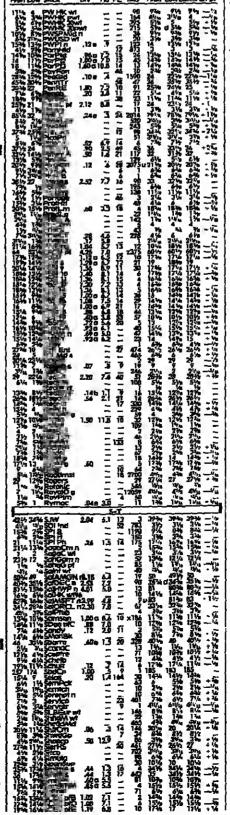


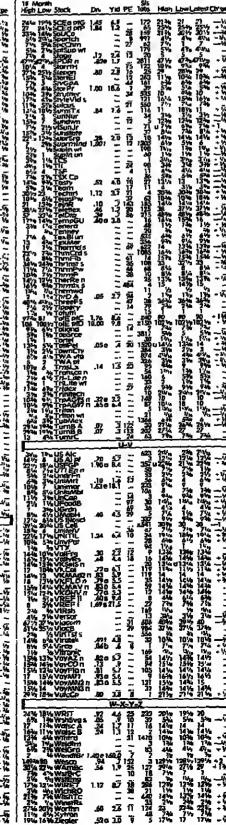
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SPORTS

Regaining Her Nerve, Sabatini Gains Victory

The Associated Presi

MELBOURNE - Gabriela Sabatini, the Argentine baseliner who has a reputation for blowing matches she should have won, regained her composure Thursday night at the Austra-lian Open to win a difficult second-round match against Natalia Medvedeva of Ukraine. Sabatini, the No. 4 seed, let Medvedeva claw

back from 1-5 to 5-5 in the third set before winning the match on her sixth match point, 6-Medvedeva made an astounding 51 unforced

errors but kept herself in the contest with some deep groundstrokes. Coming close is oot good enough any

more," she said, tears in her eyes. "I know I can After squandering five match points, Sabati-

m won the 2-hour, 8-minute match with a backhand volley and said, "I had some difficult moments. She plays good when she's losing and it felt like I couldn't finish it. "At 5-5 I started to think I could lose, but I

played it point by point and did what I had to

No. 2 seed Aranxta Sanchez Vicario of Spain and No. 5 seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic also advanced to the round of 32. Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander, champions of the previous decade, showed earlier in

the day that they still have plenty to offer the men's game in 1994. The Swedes, winners of five Australian Open titles between them, each posted an impressive

victory to advance to the third round. Edberg, the No. 4 seed and Australian Open winner in 1985 and 1987, recovered from an early slump to beat a Dutch left-hander, Jan Siemerink, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, ending the match

with an ace. Wilander, who was given a wild card as he continues his comeback after knee surgery, beat Olivier Delaitre of France, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4. Wilander, 29, won the Australian Open in

1983, 1984 and 1988, but has been in semiretirement for the past three years.
"I played a lot better today, a lot better than

my first match," he said. Edberg and Wilander were joined in the last

32 by three other Swedes, Lars Jonsson, Henrik Holm and Jonas Svensson.
Jonsson defeated Youanes Aynaoui of Mo-

rocco, 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (3-7), 6-1, 6-3; Holm downed Australian Todd Woodbridge, 6-4, 7-6 (10-8), 5-7, 4-6, 7-5, and Svensson beat Stefano Pescosolido of Italy, 6-2, 7-5, 7-5, to bolster the Swedish representation in the third round to seven, the most of any nation.

Magnus Gustafsson, the No. 10 seed, and Nicklas Kulti advanced Wednesday, but not all the Swedes were successful.

Todd Martin of the United States, seeded ninth, beat Jonas Bjorkman, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0, and Xavier Daufresne of Belgium downed Thomas Engvist, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (9-7).

Thomas Muster, the feisty sixth seed from Austria, beat Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, in a match that featured several acrimonious disputes over line calls.

MaliVai Washington of the United States, who beat the No. 2 seed, Michael Stich, in the first round, led Andrei Cherkasov of Russia, 6-4, 2-6, 5-2, when rain ended play on outside courts for the day. The match will be concluded

Sanchez Vicario ousted Wang Shi-ting of Taiwan, 6-2, 6-4, but said that "I tried to get it over too quickly and I made some mistakes." She needed eight match points before clinching the victory. Novotna cruised to a 6-3, 6-1 victory over

Helen Kelesi of Canada, while eighth seed Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière of Switzerland, who is playing her final major tournament before retiring, defeated Catalina Cristea of Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Sabine Hack of Germany eliminated the former U.S. Open champion Tracy Austin, play-ing her first Grand Slam in more than a decade, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, in a match that Austin described as "a war of attrition."

The No. 9 seed, Mary Pierce of France, struggled past American Linda Harvey-Wild, 6-7 (4-7), 7-5, 6-3, while Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, seeded 14th, led Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan, 6-2, 1-1, when the rain started. Arnand Boetsch of France, the men's 16th

seed, withdrew from the tournament citing si-

Majors to Have 3 Divisions in '94 would play the wild-card team, un- chief labor negotiator, who made the 28 clubs passed a resolution

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - The major league baseball owners, continuing their attempt to change the very nature of how their sport is run, have redrawn another part of the game.

They reached agreement with the players association on the realignment of the leagues from two divisions to three and the addition of an extra tier of playoffs.

Although the changes are guaranteed only for the coming season, the agreement is as historic as the new revenue-sharing plan ham-mered out between the large- and small-market clubs a day before. For the first time, the major

leagues, long the professional U.S. sport with the narrowest and most discriminating playoff field, will allow its two leagues to increase the number of playoff teams from two to four and include its first wildcard berth.

Those four advancing clubs will include the three division winners and the team with the best record among nondivision winners. The number of playoff teams will total eight, compared with 12 for the National Football League, 16 for the National Basketball Association and 16 for the National Hock-

ey League. The American and National Leagues enter this season not only with East and West divisions but also with Central divisions

The new formats will feature balanced schedules under which each team would play two home series and two road series against each other, regardless of division.

That means that in the two divisions that have four teams, the West division in each league, teams would play approximately one-fourth of their games against division opponents.

Once in the playoffs, the division winner with the best overall record ity. But at least 16 of the 28 clubs during these times."

less the two teams came from the the announcement. same division. If they did, the wild-card team would play the division on this issue beyond this coming

tween the remaining two division a new labor agreement. winners. Once the three-of-fivegame series ends, the four-of-seven-game league championship series would proceed, followed by the including shortening the season. four-of-seven-game World Series.

on the final day of the annual meet- gaining over relatively small ings here because the owners. agreed to compensate players using one of several formats put forth by
the players association.

to find points of agreement with
the union, to work with them to try

It had to agree because the owners were increasing the amount of games the players would have to

to accept the union proposal that it's good for the game, or we the players will receive 80 percent wouldn't have agreed to it." of the gate of the first three games," said Richard Ravitch, the owners' mains to be seen. Last September,

winner with the second-best record. season would have to be negotiated The other playoff would be be- as a part of collective bargaming on

The agreement is not based on

In the end Mr. Ravitch said, After months of negotiations, "The owners did not feel this was the new format finally came about the occasion to have extensive baramounts of money. This was not an issue of principle. This is to get on to get a more rational economic system in baseball. That's what's important."

Donald Fehr, the union chief, "Essentially we have committed said of the new system, "We think

Whether it lives beyond 1994 re-

calling for a new divisional alignment that would be used for a minimum of four years, or the length of the next bargaining agreement, whichever is longer.

"Nobody's quite sure what the public response will be," Mr. Ra-vitch said. "We will learn a lot from

this year." The realigned divisions will be: National League East: Atlanta, Florida, Montreal, New York Mets, Philadelphia.

National League Central: Cincinnati, Chicago Cubs, Houston,

Pittsburgh, St. Louis. National League West: Colora-do, Los Angeles, San Diego, San

American League East: Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, New York

Yankees, Toronto.

American League Central: Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, Kansas City, Milwankee, Minnesota. American League West: Califor-

Search for Commissioner Called Off

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - There will be six divisions and expanded playoffs this season. but no commis

ioner. Before adjourning their quarter-ly meeting, the owners decided to suspend the yearlong search for a commissioner until they negotiate a labor agreement, which likely will take until August or September.

The Milwankee Brewers' president, Bud Selig, agreed to continue running baseball as chairman of the governing executive council. He has repeatedly ruled himself out as a candidate for the permanent job.

When they convened, the selection of a commissioner was a prior-

told the search committee that they opposed bringing in someone new when the sport is confronted with

complex economic issues.

The owners never voted on the finalists for the job: the U.S. Olympic Committee's executive director, Harvey Schiller, and Northwestern University's president, Arnold We-

"It became increasingly clear that we could best be led through this critical time by perhaps the only person who fully understands this journey," said the head of the search committee, Bill Bartholomay, who is chairman of the Atlan-ta Braves. The task for a new commissioner is great under normal

conditions and nearly impossible

The owners also set the stage for labor negotiations, which could begin as early as March, by adopting a resolution that might make an agreement with the union more difficult to achieve.

Ratification of any settlement will now require 75-percent ap-proval. In the past, only a majority vote was needed. The change means a bloc of just eight teams could stall a deal with the union, prompting or prolonging a strike or lockout.

Negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement are expected to be difficult because management wants a salary cap to improve com-

Australian Open Results

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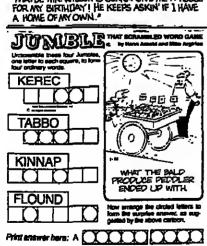
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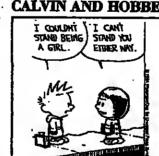








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carry out, her bodyguard told The
Oregonian newspaper in an interstory below) was published a day
view published Thursday.

"You know, you need to stop lease of an affidavit from a sheriff's screwing around with this and get it deputy implicating Harding in the done," Shawn Eckardt quoted Hari- Jan. 6 attack for the first time.

Eckardt also told the newspaper Gillooly was released on \$2,000 ter more than three years of marthat Harding's former husband, ball after his arraignment. Stant, riage, they had reconciled and were

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ng as saying.

Shane Stant, the alleged assailTonya categorically denies ant in the attack, and Derrick those allegations," said Harding's Smith, the allegad getaway driver, attorney, Dennis Rawinison. "We Eckardt and Gillooly have been believe Mr. Eckardt's lack of credicharged with criminal conspiracy bility is already well documented." to commit assault.

the court would allow him to live with a relative under a form of house arrest.

and has denied any involvement. but remains under investigation, said Assistant District Attorney John Bradley said. Harding was questioned for 10 hours Tuesday by the FBI and the district attorney. Before the authorities announced the arrest of Gillooly, Harding said that she had again

separated from him. Although they

were divorced five months ago af-

just before the U.S. championships. Harding won the women's title. Claire Ferguson, president of the skating association, said its offi-

to keep Harding on the U.S team for next month's Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway,

cials will vote next week on whether

general, François Carrard, met in en's figure skating, which would New York City, where they were allow officials to place 13-year-old attending meetings on other issues.

"He told me they still consider this an American matter." Schiller said, "but he also said the IOC is the ultimate authority on Olympic

ineligible for the Olympic Games, possibility of allowing the United Schiller and the IOC's director States to have a third berth in wom-

championships.

In Stoneham, Massachusetts, Kerrigan skated for more than an hour Thursday morning and executed a double-axel.

"I did a little bit more today," she said afterward. "I feel great." Her father, Dan Kerrigan, said: The U.S. Olympic Committee's and would be under no threat of a "Her hardest jump is the double-executive director, Harvey Schiller, lawsuit in a U.S. court if it did so axel and she landed that today and said be had discussed the issue with
the International Olympic Comasked the IOC to investigate the little stiff, but she's doing great." Neither Kerrigan nor anyone with her would comment on the arrest of Gillooly or the latest statements by Eckardt.

the attack would be made, to learn when Kerrigan was practicing.

Telephone company records show four calls from the Gillooly-Harding residence to the arena in East Dennis, Massachusetts, where Kerrigan practiced, the affidavit

A woman who identified herself as a manager at the rink but would not give her name said that some employees had received telephone calls from a woman asking when Kerrigan would practice during the time in question, but, she said, "We

The affidavit reflects evidence fessions of Eckardt and two other men, a statement by Eckardt's mother, baok records, mooey transfers, telephone logs and hotel records. It includes no information or allegations from Harding.

"The warrant was signed before" her meeting with the FBI and other law enforcement officials, said Norman W. Frink, a deputy district attorney. He said that the investigation was continuing and more arrests were possible. termind" of the group, Frink said,

"If they were smart, we would not have gotten them."

Just Like in the Movies

PORTLAND, Oregon — Here are excerpts from the interview with Shawn Eric Eckardt, by The Oregonian columns: Phil Stanford.
Eckardt, 26, claimed the alleged plot to
injure Nancy Kerrigan began when Handing's ex-husband, Jeff Gillody, visited

Eckardt's office on Dec. 16 or 17. At the time, Eckardt said, he was operating his fledging accounty business. World Bodyguard Services Inc. from a room on the second floor of his parents' house.

Eckardt said he has known Gillooly since be was 5. During the past five or six years, Eckardt said he provided occasional security. advice to Harding and Gillooly. He was never paid for those services, Eckardt said, but on occasion Gillooly and Harding would take him out for dinner.

When Gillooly visited last month, Eckardt said, Gillooly told him this was a chance to make big money guarding other skaters.

ECKARDT: "He, you know, asked me if there was any way that I could find somebody to, you know, disable Nancy Kerrigan." OREGONIAN: "Is that the word he used, disable?"

ECKARDT: "Well, make it so she couldn't skate. That was more like the phrase he used ... And then he said, you know, when this happens, the skating world will be in an uproar and, you know, because sports are becoming more violent ...

And then he said I'd make a lot of money. Things like, 'How's it gooms feel driving that brand new ZRI Corvette? And, 'What's it gome be like having an office suite in one of the downtown buildings,' and all that other stuff."

Eckardt said another longtime friend, Derrick Smith, 29, called shortly afterward to discuss Smith's plans to start an antiterrorist academy near Phoenix, Eckardi, said he told Smith that Gillooly had asked him to find someone to disable Nancy Kerri-

can do it for that. We'll pay Shane \$4,000,

Smith was referring to his nephew, Shane . Minoaka Stant, 22, who lives in Phoenix and has been charged, along with Eckardt, Smith and Gillooly, with conspiracy to commit assault in the Kerrigan attack.

with Gillooly on Dec. 27 or 28.

ECKARDT: "While we were waiting. Derrick Smith asked me to tape the conversation so that he would be able to have leverage against Jeff at a later date. I put the tape recorder on the desk and put a paper towel over it.

OREGONIAN: "When Smith told Gillooly he was here to help him, what did Gillooly say he wanted done?"

ECKARDT: "He told him how we was looking for someone to make sure that Nancy Kerrigan didn't skate in the nationals. OREGONIAN: "How specific did he

ECKARDT: "Well, he didn't. We started bouncing around ideas from one spectrum to the other. We started using terms like, well, "Why don't we get rid of her?" We'll get rid of her' and stuff like that.

"And then I really didn't want to be involved in any murder conspiracy or any-thing. I mean, that just sort of red-flagged it in my mind right then. And we sorta basically sorta moved away from that."

OREGONIAN: "How? What else did'

ECKARDT: "Well, I said, We don't need to do that . . . And Jeff said, What can we do less than that?" And we started bouncing ideas around, like, well, you know, the standard... I mean the sort of sort of things that you would see in the movies. Like, you know, damage to the hamstrings and Achilles' tendons and things like that.

"And then Jeff mentioned, well, her landing leg, if you do anything to her landing leg, she can't do a jump. She can't skate.
"It's a perfect ideal Disable her landing leg! She won't be able to skate!" he said."

. "Jeff had to wait because Tonya had to come pick him up, because she had dropped him off. And when he left he was all excited and bubbly about all this money he was

gan and asked him if he would be interested. 20mg to hake:
in doing the dob, for \$6,500, an amount. Eckardt claims Smith and Gillooly also recommended by Gillooly?

Eckardt said Smith replied: "Yeah, we belind suggesting that the attack was the can do it for that. We'll pay Shane \$4,000, act of a crazed individual who was stalking all the top international skating stars. OREGONIAN: "Who were the other tar-



Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean danced back into the lead in Copenhagen.

Just cut (letters) out of magazines and paste

them together... pointed that these guys weren't able to do "And Jeff keeps going: Yeah, you guys will be the bodygnards to the figure skaters." be the bodygnards to the figure skaters."

money and Gillooly, in turn, demanded results.

Eckardt claimed that Gillooly told him he had Harding's permission to spend the moncy on the alleged plot. He said he had been taking some painkillers for a bad back when

OREGONIAN: "Who were the other targets?"

ECKARDT: "Well, Tonya's name was on
it. Keirigan's name was on it. and some
other people I don't recall. Derrick told me:

arm some paintnies for a bat of a bat when
ECKARDT: "She said, 'Hi, how's your
back?. How're you feeling?' I said, 'Oh, not
really well.' I feel like I'm drunk because I'm
on my pain medication.

Eckardt said the plan began unraveling At this point, Eckardt claimed, the plan when Smith and Stant kept demanding more was to attack Kerrigan in her hotel room, which he says Harding identified for them.
On the morning of Jan. 6, Eckardt said, he was awakened by a call from Gillooly, who told him that he'd just heard that Nancy

Kerrigan had been attacked. A couple of hours later, Eckards said, he was watching television when he saw Kerri-gan lying on the floor, screaming and crying after the attack. He said he went into the bathroom and threw up.

TODAY'S

In Europe, a Time Warp

By Ian Thomsen nimal Herald Tribune

COPENHAGEN - In New Jersey, the Russian couple had their first child, a girl they named Daria, and within a month the mother resumed skating. They were professional skaters touring America. They were seeking security for their new family, you would have thought, when suddenly they quit began to prepare for the Olympic Games as they had as teenagers.

"It wasn't a quick decision," said Ekaterina Gordeeva, 22 years old and a mother for 16 months. "If we scores should have read 5.4 and 5.7. did it, Sergei said, we would skate a But the scores were oot changed. little better than we did as profeshow we competed, but it would be very good to get in shape again. It would help us in later life, and it would be very good to get back in shape and in discipline again."

They make it sound as if they were deciding to join a health club. Gordeeva and ber husband, Sergei Grinkov, now 26, were either world or Olympic pairs champions annually from 1986 until 1990. The routines of competition exhausted her then. They skate oow with the understanding that someone like Jen-nifer Capriati craves, that they couldn't appreciate what they were doing as youngsters until they were

sionals to win a major international competition, skating to their third seen again a decade from now.

Now is much better the coodi-

For one month we had to skate one late Wednesday - four 6.0s and five rink one week, another rink another seem less er week. We didn't know if we like a paycheck and more like a re-

would have ice tomorrow."
Third were Natalia Mishkutenok and Artur Dmitriev, the 1992 Olympic champions, who carned six scores of 5.8 or better for artistic impression with their 4 minute, 30 second free program. They might thought, when suddenly they quit have been second had not the Czech their job, returned to Moscow and judge erred during the short program Tuesday. After awarding them low marks of 4.4 and 4.7 out of a possible 6.0, she was reportedly seen raising her hand to indicate that the

"I think if I can make some missionals. He said it didn't matter takes in competition, judges can how we competed, but it would be make some mistakes," said Mishkutenok.

In bracing to take on the new boss (same as the old boss), Mishkutenok and Dunitriev have put in a difficult program entitled "Symphony of Emotions." It hasn't been easy for them. Asked to describe the story told by their presentation, Dmitriev shrugged and said, "I think it's a very long story for this time. I will tell you another time." Uoder the traditional rules, they might not have felt the need to stretch themselves, while the newcorners - Shishkova and Naumov

- would have been high contendold enough to try something else.
On Wednesday night here they became the first of the former profes.

"In this competition, everybody wants to know what I think about the professionals coming back." European pairs title ahead of two Naumov said. "It is not my deciother Russian couples. These are sion. Everyone has the right to worthy snapshots for figure skating, come back if they feel the oeed to they must beat their two Russian times not likely to be recreated—not come back. It is more difficult for us challengers Friday night in the free only the past competing with the as amateurs to compete with those present, but the sight, taken for grant- professionals. We must do our ele- score. If the Britons succeed, as

must struggle. I think it is very

ward to Gordeeva and Grinkov.

"Sergel says he is feeling everything much more right oow," Gordeeva said. "He says before it was not like he was a machine, but he didn't feel everything enough. Now we try to feel everything."

On Thursday afternoon the gate was opened for Javne Torvil and Christopher Dean of Britain, the Olympic ice dancing champions 10 years ago who have come back now to test themselves against time. After a few laps around the rink they stood in silence in the corner like ghosts, watching their descendants preparing. Eventually, pair after pair had to skate off the ice past the past champions in their black outfits, she 36 and he 35. They were alone. Then the rumba began and

they too came alive, sensationally. Having tied for second in the compulsories Tuesday, they needed to beat their rivals in this 2 minute original dance - worth 30 percent of the total score — in order to contend for the championship. Their presentation was graded two scores of 6.0 and six of 5.9s, which broke the tie with Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeni Platov of Russia and moved them into a tle for first with the 1993 Russian world champions, Maya Usova and Alexander Zhulin.

The championship itself is not so important; the audience has been watching carefully to see if elders will stumble against the children. In 1984, Torvil and Dean were winning with little such challenge. In 1994, ogram, worth half of the total ed, of three Russian pairs on the awards podium. Likely it will not be when we have this situation, we will it mean that the sport has failed to grow in their decade's absence?

"I don't know about its developtions, but it was much barder to skate in the summer," said Vadim Naumov, 24, who woo the silver some clearly applicated in provided the silver some clearly applicated in provided the silver some clearly applicated in provided the silver signally with Torvil. "Whoever wins, medal with Evgenia Shishkova, 21. experience is freshening and vibrant. that is going to be the style for the "It was a big problem to have ice. Artistic scores such as they carned next four years."

SIDELINES

Tokio, Endeavor Now Tied for Lead

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — Tokio and New Zealand Endeavor were fied for the lead Thursday as the yachts neared the end of the third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Tokio, a Japanese-New Zealand Whitbread 60 entry, and New Zealand Endeavor, a maxi-class boat, were reported 412 nantical miles from the finish at Auckland, New Zealand. The Japanese-New Zealand entry Yamaha, eight miles off the lead early in the day, had not reported its position but was still listed in third place.

The yacht Winston was 13 miles off the lead, with Spain's Galicia 93

Pescanova another three miles back and Europe's Intrum Justitia a.

restantive another three miles back and Europe's infirm Justitia a further nine miles behind.

The catamaran ENZA New Zealand was 312 nautical miles ahead of schedule in her bid to set a record for non-stop sailing around the world, while the French trimaran Lyonnaise des Fanx-Dumez was 126 miles behind.

German Soccer Decision Criticized

BONN (AFP) — The decision to call off an England-Germany soccer match on Hitler's birthday because of threats of clashes between neo-Nazis and English hooligans was harshly enticized Thursday.

The German federation's president, Egidius Braun, called it a "capitulation to violence." The chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Ignatz Bubis, said "the state is giving the impression of going down on its knees before acts of right-wing violence."

Alan Ball was appointed manager Thursday of the struggling Premier League club Southampton. He succeeds Ian Branfoot, who resigned last week.

Weightlifters Gained Not Just Fame

BONN (Renters) — Weightlifters in East Germany were forced to get fatry tissue removed from their chests because they had used anabolic steroids, according to documents from the former Stasi state security police that were released Thursday.

According to a Stasi interview with a GDR sports official in 1984, five weightlifters who had used the drugs underwent operations at a Berlin hospital to have fat removed from around their pectoral muscles at the

end of their careers.

• The drug commission of the Italian Olympic Federation ruled there is plausible evidence that Fabio Schavo, an Italian track coach, had urged an athlete to use steroids. The report is to be referred to the national track and field federation for a ruling.

(AP)

6 More Top 25 Teams Taken Down a Notch

It's not safe to be ranked as one (16-1, 6-0) won the Big East at of college basketball's top teams Providence (9-4, 3-3).

anymore. Six more of the top 25 were upset

the surprising Bulldogs (11-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) overcame a 10-point first-half deficit in taking a two-game lead over visit-

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ing Arkansas (12-2, 3-2) in the

SEC's Western Division.
Cortiss Williamson got 26 points for Arkansas, which shot 34 percent (26-of-77) against the league's best defense. The Razorbacks also made just 13 of 28 free throws.

Virginia 81, No. 4 North Carolina
77: Junior Burrough scored 10 of
Virginia's last 14 points and the
Cavaliers held visiting North Carolina
to four field goals in the final

Burrough wound up with 22 points as Virginia (10-4, 4-1 Atlan-tic Coast Conference) took sole possession of first place in the league. The Tar Heels (13-3, 3-2) lost for the fourth time in their last

2.2 seconds left, as Connecticut

Michigan St. 70, No. 14 Wisconsin 60: Michigan State (12-5, 3-2) Big Ten) dealt Wisconsin (12-2, 3-2) its second straight road loss as on Wednesday night.

Mississipai St. 72, No. 3 Arkanssa 71: T.J. Honore sank two free throws in the final 33 seconds as points in the second half. points in the second half.

Wake Forest 67, No. 17 Georgia Tech 63: Trelonnie Owens scored 23 points and got the go-shead three-point play with 1:42 left as the Demon Deacons (12-4, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) hung on against the Yellow Jackets (10-5, 1-3).

Marquette 60, No. 18 Ala.-Bir-minglassa 58: Jim McIlvaine scored 24 points, two on free throws with seven seconds left that ensured vic-tory for Marquette (10-4, 3-0 Great Midwest Conference) and ended an 11-game winning streak for the Blazers (13-2, 2-1).

No. 22 Xarier 82, No. 19 Cincinnati 76: Jeff Massey made two 3-pointers in overtime to give (12-1) its victory over Cincinnati (12-4) in their crosstown rivalry. It ended with Cincinnati's coach, Bob Hug-gins, screaming at Xavier's coach, Pete Gillen, afterward.

six games at Charlottesville.

No. 10 Connecticut 79, Providence 78: Kevin Ollie dribbled the points as visiting West Virginia length of the court and got his only (11-2) won the intrastate against field goal of the game, a lay-up with Marshall (5-10).

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The Won't-Do President

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — I have been studying the Washington oews this past week while you, I'll bet, have been in deep immersion with ice skaters and the families Bobbitt and Menendez.

Am I being condescending? Absolutely not. The kneecapping of Nancy Kerrigan and the Bohbitt and Menendez bloodlettings speak painfully of our time and place.

There is real significance in stuff like this, and you can be sure the Washington newspeople would not only find it, they'd make your hair stand on end by explaining it, if they weren't so husy saving the nation

from its bumbling presidents. What, after all, could be more American than blowing the old folks away with shotguns while they're eating ice cream in front of the TV set? That's right: oot just apple pie, but also telling the jury you did it in self-defense.

What could be more American than the butcher knife in the bedroom and the club to the knees in the ice rink? Right again: not just apple pie, but also the automatic pistol, reveling in the opportunity to say "penis" out loud, and paying millions of dollars to athletes willing to praise breakfast cereal.

Still, while studying the Washington news may be dusty, musty work for the unjusty, somebody has to keep track of the Union's everdeclining state. Thus I can report as

President Clinton still won't do. That's the consensus of the press and television oewsfolk whose duty is to grade presidents. Some do it in newspaper columns, some do it in news stories and some do it in week-

end TV's noisy grading sessions. These can be seen on national networks between Friday night and the start of the Sunday football games but, except by masochists, they are pretty much ignored out-side Washington. Besides grading the president, the experts of press and television point out what he is doing wrong, how he could do it right, what be ought to be doing but isn't, how he should do it and how he can stop making a terrible mess

of everything.
This, it usually turns out, requires him simply to take the advice of the reporter or columnist who has successfully shouted down all his col-leagues and hijacked the camera.

Has any president been more thoroughly graded during his first year than Bill Clinton? Surely not. This week, marking the end of his first full year, naturally brought end-of-year report cards. Studying them, I am saddened

but not surprised to learn that, in the judgment of these Washington news people wise in governance, President Clinton simply won't do. The reason f am not surprised is

that when they graded him last week they also said he wouldn't do. What's more, in their year-end report cards issued to fill the oews doldrum between Christmas Eve and Twelfth Night, we all remember what they said, don't we? "Wou't do."

If you've ever had a child who shouldn't have taken Particle Phys-ics 101 in the first place you know it's no fun having these grades on your president sent home from journalistic equivalents of Professors Oppenheimer, Fermi and Teller.
They began when he'd been less than a month in the White House:

"Won't do." Then came the de-pressing "First Hundred Days" re-port: "Still won't do." A successful speech or two and a couple of occasions when Republicans voted his way because his way was the Republican way — these brought a little relief. "Slight im-provement this week." Always folowed by the same old report after the news experts' latest assembly:

"Just won't do."
Having studied the wisdom of these graders. I know what the president must do to succeed and list just a few of these things: get tougher with North Korea, come clean pronto about Whitewater, either adopt a dynamic new foreign policy or cut out foreign policy altogether, show contempt for labor and civil rights leaders, find out what Republicans want done and do it, do something brilliant about Bosnia, talk less, and

tell his wife to stay out of the office. Personally, I say he'll have to stop saying "grow the economy."
You grow tomatoes, not economies. Presidents who don't know the difference just won't do, and I'd like to say so if you'd just point the camera my way.

New York Times Service

Movie Sets Off British-Irish Uproar

By Jonathan Freedland

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WASHINGTON — As the end credits
roll, and a techno-jig plays, there is cheering some tears, even dancing Sinead O'Connor's lilt. Daniel Day-Lewis's Belfast accent and the last two hours of Celtic drama have the audience transported. But far beyond the movie theater, across

the Atlantic Ocean, there is no dancing. Only dark talk of coaspiracies, of "targets." Few in Britain have seen "In the Name of the Father," which does not open there until oext month. But the film has already been hranded a "danger." with sinister whispers that Day-Lewis and costar Emma Thompson were "crazy" to make it. One British paper chided that they might as well have appeared in "Hooray for the Final Solution" or "Pol Pot Takes a Holiday."

Leading the attack are conservatives who say the film is a ragbag of lies and distortions, a British "JFK" that will serve only as propaganda for Britain's most vi-cious enemy. Suits are threatened, while some of those involved with the real-life events depicted to the movie have con-

"In the Name of the Father" (review on page 8) tells the story of a man who is sailed for a crime he did not commit. The trouble is that the man in question is Irish and his jailers are British. To Anglo-Irish eyes that makes "In the Name of the Father" a war movie, one about a war that

is still going on.
The drinkers at the Horse and Groom pub, like those at the Seven Stars, both in the well-to-do southern English town of Guildford, probably never thought of themselves as living on the front line. On Oct. 5, 1974, two bombs put them there. Five people were killed and 71 were minuted.

The police picked up four people for the bombings, including Gerard Conlon, a petty thief and layabout from Belfast. Under pressure — he says he was tortured by police officers - he made a confession in which he implicated his auat and her family, a move that would eventually drag his father down with him. Coulon spent 15 years in jail, his father

died a prisoner. Conton was released in 1989 after London's highest court finally bowed to a long campaign, admitting Brit-ain had locked up the wrong people. On that day the Guildford Four became folk heroes. They became TV regulars, joining the party circuit: One of them. Paul Hill, even married a Kennedy (Rob-

In Ireland their celebrity has not faded. When "In the Name of the Father" pre-micred there, the post-movie party at Dub-

ert Kennedy's daughter Courtneys.



Moviemaker Jim Sheridan with Daniel Day-Lewis during the filming.

lin Castle was a night out for the Irish elite, with the likes of U2 and Naomi Campbell keeping up the glamour quotient. The film grossed \$750,000 within two weeks, a re-cord topped there only by "Jurassic Park."

Critical plaudits deluged Day-Lewis, who plays Conlon. His West Belfast ac-cent is perfect, and there is admiration for his dogged preparation for the role. He subsisted on a diet of cold porridge and slops, denied himself sleep, spent three days in a cell, had cold water splashed over him, and submitted to interrogation by

Day-Lewis also spent time with Gerard Conlon himself — becoming says Conlon, a "big brother." They drove around Ireland, talking about the "pain, humiliation and degradation" of Conlon's years in jail. Under the guidance of Jim Sheridan, who directed his Oscar-winning performance as the disabled writer Christy Brown in "My Left Foot," the actor is now accused of creating a character who is dangerously sympathetic. Several London papers claimed that, by showing the British au-thorities in such a harsh light, the movie is bound to renew American support for the

Thompson has dismissed that criticism in the most succinct terms. "I don't give a [expletive], quite frankly," she told Vanity

The three policemen who conducted the Guildford inquiry are threatening to sue the filmmakers for libel. Detectives in the movie are shown extracting a confession from Conlon by pulling his ears, beating his head and threatening to kill his father. Last year all charges against the real-life officers were dismissed.

No less antagonistic to the film are the Magnires, the clutch of Conlon relatives who went down because of his testimony. "Conlon should be put back in prison for what he has done to my family," said his 60-year-old uncle Pat Magnire, wrongly jailed, along with his wife and children, for run-ning a bomb factory out of his home.

Each of these hostile camps has come up with a raft of inaccuracies it has spotted in the movie. Trials are merged or placed out of order, dates do not match, several individuals are forged into composite characters. Two examples are mentioned most often: On the night of the bombing, Con-lon is shown robbing a prostitute's apartment, suggesting to the audience that he had a perfect, albeit incriminating, alibi. In reality Conion committed that crime 10 days after the bombing.

The film's key relationship is between Gerard and his ailing father, Gusseppe. As they share a prison cell, the wayward, immature son learns to admire the strength of the man he'd once despised. In reality, the two never lived in the same cell. Sometimes they were in different jails.

Have you come here to kill us?" asks Sheridan — in Washington on a promo-tional tour — when he hears a reporter's British accent. He and Conlon are on the defensive, aware of the hammering their movie is taking across the water. "It's a dirty game," says Sheridan, a Dubliner. He suspects the onslaught is the handi-work of those in the British establishment. who never believed the Guildford Four were innocent.

Next to him hunches Conlon, now 39: "I can identify with everything that's in it."
he says of the film's alleged departmes
from the facts of his ordeal.

Sheridan emphasizes that all the changes were legitimate artistic license, born of the necessity to boil down a 15-year odyssey into two hours of moving pictures. Yes, having father and son share a cell was a "descentific device" but it turns cout that they "dramatic device," but it turns out that they often were next door to each other and were together constantly. "I got up in the morning and made him his tea," says Conlon.

Let the policemen are for libel — if anything, the film is soft on them, the two Irishmen say. In Conlon's antobiography. "Proved Innocent," he says that the inquietors' favored method of pressure was

to squeeze his testicles until he gave in. The film shows nothing like that. As for the charge that "In the Name of the Father" is anti-British, both director and subject object adamantly. On screen Ginseppe Conlon pleads, "I'm not politi-cal," and Jim Sheridan says something like

"To hell with all that," the director answers when asked about the Irish Republican dream of a united Ireland.

"English people played such a fundamental role in getting me out," adds Conlon. "How could I be part of a film that

shurred them?" Conlon insists that Sheridan's film has captured the emotional journey he made toward his father. He says he thinks posi-

tively of the years he was deprived of his liberty because they gave him the privilege of being with his father. "I got to know this physically weak man who was a giant inside."

PEOPLE

Lennon Inducted Again To Rock Hall of Fame

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony was bittersweet, as Paul McCarmey honored John Lennon, his Beatles songwriting partner. McCartney said after the presentation that it would have been funny to see Lennon's reaction to his induction. "Iohn would have been the guy in the crowd heckling," he said. Lemon's wife, Yoko Ono, added: "And kicked out, maybe?". Lennon was slain in 1980. His sons Julian and Sem, joined Ono 25 she thanked the crowd for the bonor Lennon's second induction into the hall. His first was as a member of the Beatles. Other new members are the Grateful Dead, the Band, the Animals, Elton John, Rod Stew-art and Deane Eddy. Bob Marley also was inducted posthimously, by Bone, of the band U2. Markey died of cancer in 1981.

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Karl Lagerfeld apologized to Muslims on Thursday and eliminat-ed from his new Chanel collection a low-cut dress printed with a pas from the Koran. Clerics in Indonesia had called for sia had called for a boycott of Cha-nel after the supermodel Claimlia Schiffer strutted the bustier dress with the Arabic writing Lagerfeld. said he was "terribly sorry" but that he didn't know the passage was from the Muslim holy book. "I was told it was a love poem in memory

Four weeks after announcing that its landmark Frank Lloyd Wright building would be named in honor of the developer San Frek and his wife, Ethel, the donors of \$10 million, the Solomon Gug-genheim Museum in New York said it had received another gift of \$10 million, from the financier Ronald Perclana.

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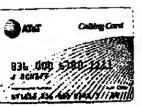
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